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Farmers storm the streets as French threaten Gatt veto

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

FRANCE said yesterday that it would veto a farm trade deal between the United States and the European Community, so blocking the way to a world trade agreement, unless farm cuts were

Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, announced the Mitterrand administration's tough line on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in answer to opposition

In an attempt to keep the heat on the government, 3,000 farmers staged an angry protest in Paris near the parliament, demanding the rejection of terms which they said would penalise French agriculture. In other parts of the country protesters clashed with police and blocked town centres, roads and a railway

The EC Commission clashed with France by saying that the deal reached in Washington last week tallied with the EC's farm reform.

Twice M Bérégovoy answered opposition demands by saying that France would apply its veto "at all stages of the procedure". He said: "! mean to say to our European partners that we do not accept that undertakings made jointly should be thrown into doubt under pressure from the Uni-

He told parliament: "Europe has advanced through successive crises. If we have to have a crisis on this matter, then there will one." President Mitterrand. who has said nothing publicly on the farm accord since it was announced last week, was in Israel. M Bérégovoy said that he was acting in the president's name.

France considers the Washington agreement to be unacceptable because it exceeds the mandate of the EC Gatt



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A French farmer in Strazeele sprays out the word train on a rail level-crossing sign to make it read "Un GATT peut en cacher un autre" - "One GATT can hide another"

EC to call an emergency meeting of agriculture and foreign ministers. "At the meeting, France will confirm that it will use its veto against any draft treaty which is against its fundamental inter-

," the statement added. M Bérégovoy left open the possibility of a long delay before any veto was considered by saying it would be applied only after a "legal text" on a new Gatt accord was put forward. This could take months, possibly after parliamentary elections in March which the government is ex-

Diplomats doubt that

negotiators, a government France would rush to a showstatement said. It called on the down with its partners over farm trade, given its isolation and the potential damage to the Community and the danger of unleashing a trade war

> M Bérégovoy appealed to Britain, Germany and the other partners for understanding, recalling that France had come to others' aid in times of need. In Rome, the Italian agriculture Giovanni Fontana, urged his government to consider the negative effect of the Gatt agreement on farmers and political experts said that Italian support for a French veto

> could not be excluded.
>
> M Bérégovoy tried in vain

with the United States.

minister,

accord. The Gaullist and centre-right opposition were thrown into disarray by M Bérégovoy's apparent willingness to embrace their hardline demand of recent days for a declaration of intent to use the Community veto at the earliest

opportunity. Until yesterday, ministers had been backing down from threatening an act which would have demolished President Mitterrand's efforts to promote integration and the Maastricht accord.

ed that the reforms offered the

best prospect of improving

services. The market testing

initiative, a means of testing

whether the market can deliv-

er a better service than that

provided in-house, offers the

best combination of value for money and quality for the

The jobs of some 44.000

civil servants will be covered by

the market testing initiative,

including those involved in

running the Treasury's eco-nomic model. Job losses will

be minimal, however, as they

will be transferred from the

public to the private sector, the

Responding to the annual

report, the First Division Asso-

ciation, representing senior civil servants, said that market

testing will put the 44,000

iobs at risk. "Government

lawyers, economists, statisti-

cians and accountants, togeth-

er with other specialists, deal

with highly sensitive informa-tion." it said. "They have a

deep commitment to the im-

partiality of the public services.

and a strong sense of the ethic

of public service. None of this

is likely to be achieved by

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outside contractors."

consumer, he said.

minister added.

M Bérégovoy's pledge to use the veto was not enough to satisfy the opposition, which

to win opposition support for a was intent on avoiding the recalled that Italy produces parliamentary vote to fix a "trap" of consensus into which M Mitterrand had dragged it over the Maastricht referendum. It decided that the prime minister's statement "lacked clarity and firmness" on the timetable on which he would applying the so-called "Luxembourg compromise", or

> The decision, embarrassing for an opposition which felt outmanoeuvred, forced M Bérégovoy to abandon his hope for a national consensus and to submit the motion to a confidence vote. There was no chance of losing, because the Communist party had said

that it would approve.

about 92 per cent of the EC soya bean production. Soya producers already suffering from the recession would be

badly hit, he said. A spokesman for Signor Fontana said that the minister was speaking "in a personal capacity as a minister. not for the government as a whole. Italy has been represented on the Gatt question by by Claudio Vitalone, the foreign

trade minister. Political sources said the cabinet of Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, is divided on the question. Most Italian industrialists are in favour of

the Gatt agreement but the agricultural lobby would like

Ratner pays dear for

GERALD Ratner, one of Brit-

the squeeze... The doctors' and dentists' review body told the prime by Norman Lamont two

In a direct snub to John

cheap joke By MARTIN WALLER

DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ain's best-known retailers, has paid the price for a wellpublicised slip of the tongue last year with his resignation from the board of the jewellery retailer that carries his name. Mr Ratner's misfortunes started last year with a lighthearted remark that one of the products sold by his shops, a cheap sherry decanter, was "total crap". They ended last night with his departure as

chief executive from the group

he built up. He had already been ousted as chairman. He said the continuing negative media attention he had attracted since the speech led him to believe that the decision to quit was in the interests of the group. Its downfall, mirrored by a similar spiral in the share price which set investors at Mr Ratner's throat, was due mainly to the recession and the unprecedented collapse of retail sales, coming after a period of expansion which had saddled

Ratners with heavy debts. But Mr Ratner's comments, to the Institute of Directors. put the seal on his career as a high-profile retail entrepreneur who, in his prime, was never slow to use publicity.

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Commons seeks scrutiny of royal finances

By Sheila Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IN THE wake of the Windson Castle fire, a Commons committee has asked Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, to investigate the finances of the state-

owned royal palaces. But the public accounts committee turned down a request by Alan Williams. Labour MP for Swansea West. to widen the scope of the examination to take in all public payments to the Queen and other members of the royal family. These are currently spread over seven government departments.

At a private session last night the MPs unanimously decided to limit Sir John's enquiry to a value-for-money annually paid to maintain Buckingham Palace, Windsor. St James's, Kensington. Clarence House and Holy rood House.

Sources confirmed that the MPs had before them a breakdown of contributions to the royal family's finances from heritage, defence, transport and foreign ministries, the Treasury and the Central Office of Information.

Robert Sheldon, the committee's chairman, insisted that the decision to limit the enquiry to an audit of the royal palaces was unanimous. "The committee is making a proposal to the Comptroller and Auditor-General that he examines the value-for-money aspects of the Department of National Heritage in their operations of the royal palaces he added.

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By MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MOST of Whitehall's functions could be put out to tender as the government tries to improve the performance of public services, William Waldegrave, the public service minister, said yesterday.
Unveiling the first annual

report on the Citizen's Charter, he said that up to £1.5 billion worth of central government activity could be farmed out to the private sector by the end of next year in the government's overhaul of the civil service. Sixteen months into the ten-

year programme, more than 90 per cent of the govern-ment's original 150 initiatives to improve the level and quality of public services have either been met already or are in the process of being realised. Mr Waldegrave said.

These targets cover all public service activity, and include a maximum two-year wait for admission to hospital in the patient's charter, publication of schools exam performance tables (parent's charter), and rail punctuality and reliability targets (passenger's charter). The remaining 10 per cent require legislation to be implemented, he said.

Since the launch of the charter, 28 public bodies or organisations had drawn up charters outlining obligations to the public. Five more are on the horizon, including further and higher education and the Docklands Light Railway, Mr Waldegrave said.

Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's opposition spokesman, accused Mr Waldegrave of 'playing with statistics" in a forlorn attempt to convince consumers that services had improved. Labour was not opposed to the principles behind the charter, she said, but "the public were rightly sceptiof the government's efforts". Claims of improvements in services were not borne out by people's daily experience. Dr Mowlam said.

Mr Waldegrave later insist-

Waldegrave: says job losses will be minimal

MPs vote to freeze their pay

In Rome, Signor Fontana

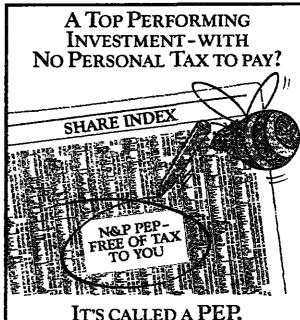
By Nicholas Wood AND PHILIP WEBSTER

MPs voted 321-103 last night (three members of the shadow cabinet voted against) to support the government's new policy of public-sector pay restraint by accepting a freeze on their salaries, but the policy received a serious setback when one of the main independent review bodies refused to co-operate with ministers over implementing

minister it was not prepared to operate within the 1.5 per cent increase ceiling imposed weeks ago.

Major, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the chairman, said that in the light of the government's decision they felt it would be "inappropriate" to produce a report this year. Despite the across-theboard ceiling, the government

had asked the five main independent review bodies to stay in operation to distribute the modest sums available among various groups within the professions. The doctors' and dentists' review body is the first to reject the government's overtures.



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drastic effect on the soya and

to debate the issue after the

foreign minister, Emilio Co-

lombo, returns from a visit to

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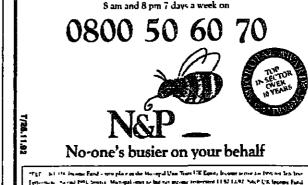
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The Italian cabinet is likely

other sensitive sectors.

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As morale ebbs, bitter miners abandon the industry by the thousand

Redundancies help British **Coal towards** jobs target

A disillusioned exodus from threatened and unthreatened pits is taking place against a background of record productivity

By PHILIP BASSETT

BRITISH Coal's chances of achieving its politically sensitive 30,000 job cuts have been boosted by thousands of miners taking voluntary redunincy rather than awaiting the outcome of the govern-ment's review of the planned pit closure programme.

But the new figures on voluntary redundancy came at the same time as warnings of more than 4.500 specific job losses among mining supply companies were issued by leading manufacturing trade union and as miners hit

British Coal is keeping a running tally on the number of miners applying for volun-tary redundancy since it an-nounced last month the closure of 31 pits. So far, a have either left the coal industry since then, or are in the process of doing so, according to the corporation.

The number amounts to almost one-tenth of British Coal's workforce, though BC managers doubt that this level can be sustained as unemployment nationally continues to rise.

The largest number of applications for redundancy came immediately after BC's closure announcement on October 13 with the loss of 30,000 miners' jobs. The public outcry which followed it led to the government agreeing to hold the closure of ten pits immediately threatened and

to review the entire decision. Those who have applied for voluntary redundancy come from mines across the country, and not just the pits to be among those who have opted to leave the industry before the government completes its review of the pit

The National Union of Mineworkers said it was not surprised at the level of applications for voluntary redundancy, since miners were saying they were "fed up" with the coal industry.

The NUM said: "Morale is low and many miners just want to get out rather than wait for the outcome of the

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review." Last week Arthur Scargill, NUM president, said British Coal was "blackmail-

Coal sterdayWED that miner had hit a new productivity record. Output last week averaged 6.72 tonnes of coal per man-shift - the best in the industry's history. BC said that efficiency levels were now 16 per cent higher than this time last year. At the Selby group of pits in North Yorkshire, productivity hit a new peak of 12.25 tonnes.

In addition to the government's internal review of the pit closures, the Commons employment and industry select committees are conducting their own enquiries evidence to the employment committee yesterdayWED the AEEU engineering union warned that more than 4,500 jobs were directly at risk among even a small range of mining-related manufacturing companies.

A union leader claimed

yesterday that closing one of Britain's two remaining naval dockyards would not save a penny until well into the 21st century and would lead to a second great Coal Board disaster", with tens of thousands of job losses in areas already hard-hit.

The defence ministry, envi-ronment department and the Scottish office all wanted the vards at Devonport in Plymouth and Rosyth in Scotland to remain open, leaving the Treasury as the only govern-ment department calling for one to close, said union spokesman Jack Dromey.

'Keeping both yards open will be highly cost effective," secretary of the TGWU trans port union. "Such are the costs of closing a dockyard that not one penny would be saved until at least 2010."

The government is expected to make a decision before Christmas on which yard is to be awarded future nuclear submarine refitting work. Mr Dromey added: 'The

absurdity of the Treasury telling the MoD simply to concern itself with value for money out of the defence

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Show of frustration: miners rally outside the TUC general council's meeting in Doncaster

Pitmen quit before the cash runs out

By Paul Wilkinson

FRED Thompson took the money and ran because he felt he could no longer trust the government or anyone else in charge of Britain's coal indus-try. That, and the fact that at 50 he would be able to draw a pension, made it simple for the pit deputy to end a mining connection that has spanned three generations of his

"I chose to get out while there was definitely a bit of extra money going," he said. "I was told by British Coal that I would get an extra £10,000 on top of my redundancy settlement. Everyone is so frightened they will go back on their word, so I wanted to get in before they changed their minds about the incentive."

THE government's proposal

to freeze MPs' pay next year

was condemned by Labour

last night as a sham and a shambles. Margaret Beckett,

the party's deputy leader, said

it was another example of the

The pay freeze for MPs, she

government's incompetence.

said in the Commons, was not

to set an example to the rest of

the public sector, but as a

stalking horse. MPs were

being used to set a precedent

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Mr Thompson left the Vane Tempest colliery at Seaham in the Durham coalfield three weeks ago, after 34 years down the mine. "I felt I couldn't believe in anyone, particularly not the coal board or the government. There was no one left I could trust. There's no mistake they are giving all that money away to to me to take it. It wasn't a difficult decision to take. I have my pension to fall back

draw my pension right now. but I wouldn't have been able to if I had been in the NUM." The future looks bleak for the 936 workers at Vane Tempest. Geological difficulties meant that it was earmarked for shutdown even

Beckett says plan to freeze

MPs' pay is a smokescreen

BPROBERT MORGAN AND JONATHAN PRYNN

for a pay freeze that she deplored. Under the proposals

set out by Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons;

members will have their pay frozen at £30,854. The parlia-

mentary salary of ministers

and those who receive a sec-

ond salary, such as the Speak-

er and the Leader of the

Opposition, would be frozen at

For years, MPs pay has been linked to a Civil Service

grade. After next year's freeze,

Mr Newton explained, a new

formula will have to be devised

because the grade in question had disappeared. He made

clear that he intended to re-

establish a clear link with Civil

Service pay. "We shall return to the position for 1994 and

beyond, when the position is

clearer." He did not wish to

return to MPs deciding their

own pay every year.

He said that the govern-

ment did not intend that MPs

should forgo a pay increase

that civil servants had already

had. For 1992 they had had

3.9 per cent, paid in August,

and in normal circumstances

that would have carried

through to MPs. The govern-

ment did not accept that MPs

should be permanently disad-

Mr Newton said that restraint

in current expenditure was

Defending the pay freeze,

vantaged by 3.9 per cent.

£23,227 a year.

on. I am in Nacods (the pit

deputies' union) and I can

before its instant closure was announced in last month's review. Its coal faces are under the North Sea, up to six miles away from the pit bottom, and seaborne test drilling for new reserves was costing up to £1 million a borehole.

Now it is working through the 90-day consultation period, but Mr Thompson is convinced it will not reopen: One week after the brief reprieve, all coal production. was halted and miners were ordered to clock on each day before being sent home on full

He said: "It is easy to be wise after the event, but I am glad that I have taken redundancy now. I am certain that I would have had to after the review. I feel sorry for the youngsters. I

necessary for resources to be

directed towards capital pro-

jects. It was right for the gov-ernment and House to give a

Mrs Beckett said the pay

freeze was no part of a coher-

ent policy for pay, not even in the public sector. "Like most of the things this government turns its hand to; it is a mess,"

she said. "It is not a policy, it is

a smokescreen. The govern-

ment have announced a whol-

ly arbitrary limit for public-

sector pay and they hope, by including MPs in its provi-

sions, to create the illusion of

fairness and the impression

that the higher paid are taking

their fair share, a concept

usually wholly absent from

Alf Morris, Labour MP for

Manchester, Wythenshawe,

put forward an amendment

on behalf of the trustees of the

members' pension fund to provide that MPs leaving the

Commons within the next two

years should receive a pension

based on what their salary would have been had they not

been subject to a pay freeze.

But he allowed the amend-

ment to fall after hearing

assurances from Mr Newton.

sions minister, said there was

a danger that MPs would pay

substantial extra contributions

and get no return.

Mr Newton, a former pen-

their thinking or policy."

lead in exercising restraint.

stay open, but I can't see the review making a ha porth of

He sees little point in looking for a job in an area where one in five adults is out of work. "I know I will never get another job, certainly not in this town. I have looked at the job centres and all I see are positions for taxi drivers and security men. Who can afford a taxi when everybody's out of

He plans to spend his time fishing and walking and to live off his pension and the money his wife Moya brings home from her part time job at a local school. They have one child, Lisa, 13. "We shall just have to make do with what we have," he said. "I am one of the lucky ones because I had the pension."

in police car crasn

refugees from war-torn Somalia three months ago died yesterday after he was struck by a police car on its way to investigate a suspected mug-

is believed to have jumped over a safety barrier and into the path of the patrol car on a dual carriageway near his home in Moss Side, Manchester, early yesterday

A policewoman from the car

Speaking through an inter-preter Abdi Quadir, the boy's father, said: "We have great

sharing our sadness."

He said: "We know the problems of war, killings and tragedies. Our house was destroyed and we had to sell all

Between 150,000 and 300,000 people are thought to have died of starvation, disease and fighting in nearly two years of dan war and drought in Somalia.

Chief Supt Andrew Glaister said last night that the police car was a back-up vehicle and had not been involved in a

Boy dies

A BOY whose family fled as ging incident. Maalim Abdul Quadir, 12

morning.

used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in an attempt to revive the boy, but he died later in hosoital.

sadness in our family. The whole Somali community is

our belongings to escape."

POLITICAL SKETCH Home cooking wins by a nose

fis," said Dr law did at least bring a loam Blackburn proposal of his own. "I (C. Dudley W) "is essentially a domestic de-bate." As if to underline the point, Terry Dicks (C. Hayes Hadington) had just risen to interrupt the debate on a

"Madam Deputy Speaker," he said, "there's a smell of cooking coming from underneath the bench where sit. Do we now have to cook our own meals? Could you arrange for something to be done? This smell of egg and bacon and fried bread is rather appetising."

Arrayed in a splendid purple robe in the Chair, Dame Jamet Fookes looked about as unlikely a bed and breakfast landlady as it would be possible to imag-ine, and told Mr Dicks she was not sure there was much she could do about his

His interruption confirmed the judgment that this was, indeed, a domestic debate. MPs were deciding their salaries. This delicate task has placed them in a quandary. MPs' pay is pegged to a middle ranking grade in the civil service. The government is putting a squeeze on civil servants' pay. Parliament has voted to approve this. So (you think?) it is natural that MPs should apply the same medi-cine to themselves.

But of course Opposition public sector pay policy. So why should they now vote for a squeeze on their own salaries? Yet, if they vote against a squeeze, and launch a lifeboat to rescue parliamentarians alone what would the electorate think? Labour MPs scratch: their heads and ponder the likely tabloid headlines — 'I'M OK COMRADE above a photograph of some rich leftwinger's villa in So when, from the Oppo-

sition front bench, Margaret Beckett declared graciously that as others might wish to speak she would curtail her remarks, you could see wiry. She allowed herself just enough time to describe the smokescreen, a stalking horse, and an ill thought-out shambles; omitted to advise on how to clean up the mess, clear the smoke, tether the

stalking horse or construct a well thought-out shambles; and sat down. So much for a lead from the front bench. Joe Ashton (Lab, Basset-

would be happy to accept a freeze," he said, "if the extra could be paid instead to a charity." Of course that is exactly what Norman nominated charity being HM Treasury, but Mr Ash-ton suggested his own preference: "Oxfam, instance," he said.

The idea was not taken up

by other members. A pity. Why not let them choose One can imagine, for in-stance, the rollicking figure of Nicholas Soames (C. Crawley) redirecting his pay increase to the Crawley and Horsham Hunt, while Scortish minister Michael Forsyth, whose daughter keeps puff-adders, might pledge his bonus to the national snake-fauciers' henevolent society. Dennis Skinner could nominate the Wat Tyler memorial anti-fascist league (Clay Cross section) S) could send his increase straight to the Queen to help with her new sideboard, and Roy Hattersley could pitch in with support for Soho's threatened L'Escargot

Blackburn had a more sobersided suggestion Couldn't MPs' pay actually explained the circumin office (Dr B put it more grandiloquently, represent-ing death as a kind of personal sacrifice, voluntarily undertaken) couldn't every other MP have £20 taken off his pay packet, and the affining 650 X £20. £13,000, sent to the widow?

Dr Blackburn put his case affectingly, and became himself, so moved by his own speech that he conduded by vowing "never to lay down the sword of my argument" until it had prevailed: Others were not so

Sitting behind Dr Black-burn, Mr Dicks was still troubled by the eggs and knows of an incident, many bomb was let off in the Chamber.

An MP at that time, Sir John Foster, unaware of the source of the crippling fumes but sure he recognised them, complained to the Serjeant at Arms about smells from the House of Commons kitchen.

French threaten veto

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Moscow. The spokesman for Signor Fontana said he did not exclude the government deciding to support a French veto "but that does not mean this will happen necessarily". Diplomatic sources noted

that President Mitterrand traditionally has a strong influence on the Italian Socialist Party of Signor Amato. However, the agriculture

minister also will be keen to avoid the prospect of a wine war, with the United States blocking imports of Italian wine if Italy supports a French veto.

C) Farmers' leaders in Britain

yesterday condemned the threat of French violence against British lorries carrying livestock and other agricultural produce (Michael Hornsby writes). They fear a repeat of the attacks in the summer and autumn of 1990 when about

30 lorries were ambushed in a protest against cheap imports. In two incidents some 300 sheep were poisoned and burned alive. David Naish, the president

of the National Farmers' Union, last night blamed an "extremist faction" within French farming. "It is foolish to adopt a stance like that of the court of King Canute." British farmers share some of the French worry about the impact of a Gatt settlement but say that the French will suffer no worse than anyone

Livestock transporters said last night they were apprehensive about possible French action, due to start next Tuesday, but were not planning to reduce consignments.

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Rail delays likely after London rush-hour crash

By BILL FROST

RAIL services into London could still be disrupted this morning after yesterday's collision between two trains outside London Bridge station in the morning rush-hour.

Twenty people were injured when the 7.15am from Charing Cross to Tunbridge Wells and the 5.00am from Ramsgate to Charing Cross, packed with commuters, collided just refore 7,30am. Five people were treated at

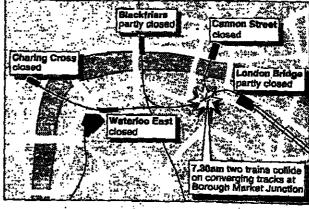
the scene and seven others were admitted to Guy's Hospital with cuts, bruising and shock A London Ambulance Service paramedic at the scene said their injuries were merci-

The accident happened at the Borough Market junction in south London — a key link in the busy suburban system and on a stretch where tracks converge. Passengers had long delays as BR closed Charing Cross, Cannon

Street, Waterloo East, parts of Blackfriars and London Bridge stations. Charing Cross and Waterloo East remained closed last night. The two trains, one of which

was badiy damaged, would have been under the control of London Bridge signal box at the time of the crash. Geoff Harrison-Mee, divisional director of the region and a passenger on the Londonbound train, said: "In theory (the accident) should not have been possible because this is a very modern signal box which operates a sale service."

Mr Harrison-Mee, still looking shaken after the collision, described the moment of impact "We were just leaving the station when there was a loud bang and an electrical short cicuit. The lights went out and flying glass began coming into the carriage. The window had shattered and I could see another train very.



very close. Our train was travelling between 15mph and 20 mph at the time of the collision. I think the other one may not have been moving." Network SouthEast said: "It was not a head-on crash, more of a glancing blow. Neither of the trains was derailed. NSE. will be starting an enquiry into the accident as will the Department of Transport." John Prescott, shadow

transport secretary, said he was concerned at the number of rail collisions in the past 10 years. "I am also increasingly alarmed that British Rail is not making any advance to-wards implementing automatic train stopping, which is essential for safety." Mr Pres-cott suggested that John McGregor, the transport secretary, should concentrate his

mind not on privatisation, but

on modernisation of the railways and safety. A planned inauguration of

Network . SouthEast's Networker train was called off after the accident. Mr McGregor was to have unveiled the new "state-of-thearr" rolling stock at Cannon Street station yesterday morning. However, such was the disruption as railmen worked to clear the line at London Bridge that the inauguration was postponed, possibly for as

long as a month. Networker trains, which have sliding rather than slamming doors, are to be introduced on Kent surburban services in an attempt to improve performance and reduce commuter dissatisfaction. They are said to be more efficient and cheaper to run than existing rolling stock.

Mr Harrison-Mee commented mefully: "We have waited four years for the Networker. What a day for this accident to happen."

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Estimates vary wildly because 'personal' treasures belong by custom to the nation

Royal fortune clouded by public confusion and private discretion

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIGIT AND ANGELA MACKAY

LESS than half a dozen people know the true extent of the Oueen's personal wealth. Neither select committee nor probing journalist has ever penetrated the discretion of royal advisers and acts of Parliament designed to prevent a breach.

The most recent royal comment on estimates that she was worth £6.5 billion came earlier this week from Prince Edward: "Absolute crap! If only she had £6.5 billion."

That figure arises from an estimate of her wealth as head of state and includes such things as the crown jewels, which are, inalienably, the property of the nation. Her private, disposable wealth is considerably less, and considerably more difficult to estimate, as much that she "owns" may not belong to the nation by law but has certainly

done so by practice.

The Leonardo drawings at Windsor are hers, but constitutional experts regard it as inconceivable that she would not pass them on to her heir. Putting a price on them is even more difficult. As works of art they are valuable enough but as works of art being sold by the Queen they would fetch even more.

A further difficulty is the depth of feeling in certain areas of society against even posing the question. Yesterday the art world was rejuctant to assist in setting values for specific works, saying that the exercise was "erroneous", "academic" and "vulgar", as her paintings would never be sold.

The strong backbench pressure for a new formula and public scrutiny of the Queen's private income was given fresh impetus by her Guildhall speech, widely perceived as an olive branch to the lobby that believes she should pay income tax. "You need to know how much is really needed." one member of the public

By Alan Hamilton

HOWEVER great the public

pressure on the Queen to

contribute to the restoration

unlikely to initiate any action

herself. Constitutional mon-

archy means the sovereign

does only what her advisers

tell her, and her principal

advisers are her elected minis-

Her closest adviser and

confidant is her private secretary, Sir Robert Fellowes, an

urbane and courtly man of the

old school who is married to

the Princess of Wales's sister.

He will not counsel the Queen

on any major decision until he

has talked to Downing Street.

but the central question is: in

any such discussions, who has

A delicate balance exists

between the two seats of

power. If the Queen has a

strong view on an issue, she is

more than capable of making

No government has ever

it known and the prime minister of the day undoubt-

the upper hand?

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ters — the government.

With public scrutiny of royal finances increasing, putting a figure on the Queen's

yesterday. "At the moment, there is no clear division between the civil list and personal income."

Phillip Hall, author of a book published this year that went further than any before in detailing the royal family's wealth, said: "The reason why the public is entitled to know the size of the Queen's personal fortune is because they can then determine the size of her tax exemption, which is a public subsidy.

Her tax-free personal wealth breaks down roughly into three areas: investments, property, and those works of art the Queen may feel free to dispose of should the need arise. There is also an income of about £3 million a year from the Duchy of Lancaster which goes to the Queen's Privy Purse, the private fund that pays for expen-diture not covered by the civil

The value of her investment portfolio has been put at less than £50 million and as high as £450 million. Most sums are arbitrary. They are based on evidence given by Lord Cobbold, a former Lord Chamberlain, to a select committee in 1971. He said that stories of private investments of between £50 to £100 million were "wildly exagerrated".

Using this equation, the Queen undoubtedly has capital of more than £100 million invested in shares and securities but she pays scant attention to the details of her investment strategy. Several leading City houses manage the portfolios using a conservative, discretionary trading programme designed to protect the capital and provide an

The Queen's investments are not declared in her name on company registers but held in a specially created com-

Palace never takes first step

dared to suggest to the Queen

that she pay tax; if the Queen

demands such a move, she

will discreetly hint to the

prime minister that she is

Government demands

which appear to threaten the

monarch's position have in

the past been seen on both sides of the House as vote-

Fellowes: the Queen's

closest confidant

Dublin, detectives from the

intelligence and security

branch raided a flat in the south side of the city last

Friday. They found compo-

timing devices and detona-

explosives dumps in Britain.

documents and parts for

Scotland Yard.

willing to do so.

personal wealth is fraught with difficulties pany. Bank of England Nomi-

nees, established under the Companies Act 1976 to house shares bought by heads of state and foreign govern-ments. A check on the share registers of several blue chip companies produced the name Bank of England Nominees. While the secret investor could be the Sultan of Brunei or the Mexican gov-

ernment, the most common user of the nominee company is believed to be the Crown, so it is likely that the 254,000 shares in Whitbread, the 476.138 British Petroleum shares and the stakes in Barclays, Unilever and numerous others are owned by the Oueen. Some estimates have placed

the value of her artworks at about £200 million and some have gone as high as £9 billion. It is impossible to get an accurate figure on the whole collection.

The value of her estates, which includes Sandringham and Balmoral, has taken a tumble in the property slump. The market for grand country houses, known as trophy estates, has been the worst affected. It may be that the property is now worth about

Whether the Queen's per-sonal fortune is £250 million or £1 billion we may never know, despite the best efforts of the disclosure lobby. For now, secrecy prevails, as Walter Bagehot hoped it would 125 years ago. "[The monar-chy's] mystery is its life," he wrote. "We must not let in daylight upon magic".

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now be changing. Some have suggested that what the mon-

archy really needs is a public

relations professional, but

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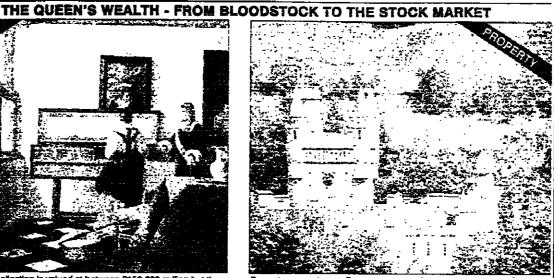
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sive operation.

Buckingham Palace press









The Queen owns two stud farms, at Sandringham and Wolverton, which together have a total of around 24 brood mares and 20 foals and yearing Jointly with Lord Howard de Walden, she is the targest British owner of a private stud farm. This racing season the Queen has 30 horses in training, including Colour Sergeant, a winner at Royal Ascot

By BRIAN MACARTHUR THE PRESS

in secrecy

tunes are rarely published, however, and few of today's monarchs are taxed as ordinary citizens.

Apart from the Queen,the richest by far is Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands. Her personal fortune is estimated at £3.3 billion, tied up in securities, art, jewellery and property. Income from these assets is

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taxed. However, the Dutch Oueen and her family are not obliged to pay tax on their annual state allowance which is index-linked.

King Carl Gustaf XVI of Sweden pays tax on his private income and fortune, but none on the funds he receives from the Swedish state to maintain his property, staff of about 70 or for conducting his official

King Juan Carlos of Spain

In Norway the royal family does not pay tax either. Few details are available and the palace claimed that those pub-lished after the death of King Olav in 1991 were much

Wealth is shrouded

By Our Foreign Staff

THE crowned heads of Europe are among the richest men and women in the world, though their wealth more often lies in land and palaces that belong to their nations than in tangible assets.

Details of their private for-

duties as head of state. receives an annual grant from parliament to cover all expenses for himself, the Oueen, their three children and his modest staff. This year it was about £5 million and the King does pay tax.

exaggerated.

Editors underwhelmed by speech

WHEN Fleet Street wants to sneer at the Queen, the corniest but classic trick for the sub-editors who have to write the headlines is to resort to the use of One - as in One is not amused. On Tuesday, the Queen set another poser for the tabloids when she resorted to Latin to describe 1992 as her annus horribilis. The Sun, where such classic

Fleet Street headlines as Gotcha!. Freddie Starr Ate My Hamster and Paddy Pantsdown were crafted. translated the Queen's message into three short headline words, all in English. "One's Bum Year" in The Sun left the

Daily Mirror limping with "One is doing One's Best". Yet the Queen cannot have been amused yesterday when she studied Fleet Street's treatment of her speech. She must have realised yet again that she and her advisers had somehow failed to strike the right chord, at least for the Fleet Street editors at whom much of the speech, described as "self-abasing" by The Inde-pendent, must have been aimed. We do sympathise, of course we do, said the Daily Mail. It was impossible not to be moved. But there was a growing public disinclination

to support the royal family One tabloid editor said that she had been right to acknowledge the criticisms, but the debate about the royal family was unlikely to go away and the speech would be seen as so much hot air. Opulence was not the taste of the nineties. James Whitaker of the Daily Mirror, a royal reporter for 18 years, thought that the Queen had been illadvised and the speech illjudged. What she did not say - about Windsor Castle, her family and the thousands who had lost their homes and their iobs - betraved insensitivity. Never complain, never explain might still be the best

Rape case doctor 'likes wild women'

By A STAFF REPORTER

GYNAECOLOGIST accused of rape and indecent assault spoke yesterday of his attraction to "wild" and sexually assertive women.

Dr Thomas Courtney, 46 was giving evidence on the sixth day of his trial at the Central Criminal Court. He denies raping two women and indecently assaulting two others at his consulting rooms in Hariey Street, central London.

He said that he went on a blind date to a dinner party with the first alleged rape victim - Miss A. The party was being held by a patient who was engaged to an instructor in the Territorial Army, he said.

Dr Courtney explained that he had been interested in doing medical work in the TA and had spoken to the couple about it. They had invited him to dinner and "volunteered" him to give Miss A a lift.

He went on: "I was interested in meeting wild women who went on weekends in the Territorial Army. I asked what son of girl Miss A was. I was told she was very vivacious and attractive. She knew what she wanted and was not backward

in coming forward.
"I asked if she was sexually assertive, because I like women who are, and was told she was. I think I asked if she

did the business. Dr Courtney said: "I had been given the distinct impression if she found me amractive she would not have any reservation in making décisions about what she wanted to do." He said that he had made

love twice to Miss A on the night of the dinner party date. He denied spiking her champagne beforehand, as the

prosecution has alleged. Dr Courtney said that Miss A had sat on the window ledge while he took off his clothes and got into the shower. "I asked her if she wanted to join me. She smiled, drank some champagne, took out her earrings, took off her scarf and the rest of her clothes and got into the shower. I soaped her down front and back. She raised no objection. She turned round for me to wash her back. There was a lot of kissing and cuddling - we had intercourse."

The trial continues today.

Garda claims success against IRA bombers

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent According to reports in

IRISH detectives believe they may have made a significant breakthrough in a joint operation with Scotland Yard's antiterrorist branch to counter an IRA Christmas bombing campaign in Britain. Security sources in Dublin

disclosed yesterday that recent raids in Dublin and Limerick had uncovered important documents relating to the cam-paign as well as parts for bombs thought to be intended for use in London.

One Irish detective was reported as saying that the raids, which may have seriously disrupted the provisionals' supply lines, were the biggest breakthrough by the Irish police against the IRA in years. "Their entire campaign in England has been compromised." he said.

Scotland Yard refused to comment on the disclosures or on the possibility that the leaking of details of the operation to a Dublin journalist may jeopardise follow-up operations in Britain. A spokesman said it was entirely a matter for the Irish police.

Brain cell transplants offer Alzheimer hope

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BRAIN cell transplants could become standard treatment for patients suffering from such conditions as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, a British specialist says. Professor Edward Hitch-

Anson: operating always

on the defensive

nents for bombs, including cock was commenting on research successes with the tors, and several documents technique. Patients with Pargiving details of arms and kinson's who had been unable to feed or dress themselves This raid was followed by a were able to lead normal lives similar one on a flat in Limerick which also turned up without assistance after re-ceiving transplants of brain cells from foetuses, according bombs. The information is to three studies, two from thought to have been passed to America and one from Sweden, published in the New

There was speculation, how-England Journal of Medicine. ever, that the up to 20 IRA A patient whose driving members thought to be active licence was taken away in Britain, alerted by colbecause of his disability releagues in Ireland, would have gained it, and a murse recovmoved quickly to pre-empt ered her memory, improved ten points on the IQ scale and was able to use public transany police activity after the

The Garda operation was initially mounted several Refinements of the techmonths ago in a co-ordinated nique, pioneered five years attempt with British detectives ago, are producing bigger to cut the IRA supply lines. benefits and longer lasting There have so far been 14 results as researchers transbomb attacks in London since plant larger quantitites of the beginning of October.

cells into different parts of the brain. The cells, obtained from foetuses aborted within the first three months of pregnancy, are injected through the skull. Because they are at an embryonic stage, they can "wire up" with

the adult cells, compensating

for those lost as a result of the

In a leading article, the journal says that the procedure remains experimental but the results "will undoubtedly spur optimism". In one study, the transplant diminished symptoms in three quarters of the patients.

Professor Hitchcock, an expert in the technique at the Midlands Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology in Birmingham, said: "There is increasing evidence that transplants may be cf considerable value in the management of neuro-degenerative diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Huntingdon's Chorea. Something like this, I'm sure, will become part of the treatment for these

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Woman told listeners she was lonely

Teenager raped on date set up by radio

By Michael Horsnell

A TEENAGER who telephoned a radio phone-in programme to say that she was lonely and "looking for someone in her life" was raped by a man with whom the presenter put her in touch. Scotland Yard said that a

man calling himself "Terror" lured the woman, 17, to a house where she was attacked by him and two other men after he answered her appeal on Choice FM. a 24-hour Afro-Caribbean music station in London. The woman's ordeal was disclosed yesterday as police appealed for information from a mini-cab driver who later drove her home.

A police spokesman said: The victim telephoned a phone in type radio programme and gave details of described herself as lonely and looking for someone in her life. A number of people responded and she was given by the DJ the telephone num-

Bromley, Kent, met the man on a blind date on November 16 and, after an evening out, was taken to a house in Stockwell, south London. She reported the assault the next day. Police have appealed for the mini-cab driver, who took her to Bromley at 2am, to

Choice FM said last night that it gave the woman "appropriate advice" before passing her the name of the man, having at first told her to go out with friends until she met the right man. A spokesman expressed the station's concern at the incident and extended its sympathies to the victim.

The station said in a state-ment: "At about 1.20am on November 16. a woman called in to make a dedication as part of a late-night show. It was not a lonely hearts programme but a music show here, between certain times, listeners were encouraged to call in with their dedications.

The caller said she wanted to meet a man and asked the

DJ to help her. He gave what we considered appropriate advice: that if she went out with her girl friends to the right places, she would soon meet a man she liked. The caller said she wanted to tell London about her situation and our DJ replied that, by calling his show, she had already done

"A few minutes later a man called and said he would like to leave his number for the previous caller. Our DJ said if he rang back later he would take the number and possibly pass it on to the previous caller, if she called back. "She did call back and the

DJ gave her the numbers of several callers who had enquired about her. He gave these numbers to her privately and warned her to be careful. The young woman arranged to meet one of these men and was subsequently raped and indecently assaulted." The station kept the num-

bers of the callers and have given them to police.



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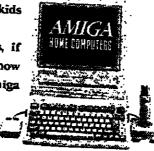
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BBC green paper wins praise from commercial rivals By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BROADCASTERS yesterday warmly welcomed the green paper on the future of the BBC, relieved that the government had taken a far more open-minded view about the corporation than the Thatcher. government's "doctrinaire approach" to ITV

As the BBC prepares this afternoon to unveil its own 90page blueprint for survival as an "efficient and accountable" public service broadcaster into the 21st century, commercial television and radio executives were quick to praise Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, for his reasoned approach to the debate about the renewal of the BBC's royal charter in

The corporation will argue today that it should withdraw from areas where it cannot or need not make an original contribution, but not turn its back on popular programmes aimed at large audiences. It plans to occupy the high ground with innovative drama and comedy, and be the guarantor of the national debate" with extensive news and current affairs coverage at peaktime. It is expected to move away from the more

banal programmes.

Andrew Quinn, the new chief executive of ITV, said: "It is reassuring to see an under-standing expressed that advertising revenue is finite and not able to fund the combined resources necessary to sustain the quality we have come to expect from both the BBC and

David Glencross, chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, said: The ITC welcomes the green paper as evidence of the government's open-mindedness and the attention paid to the impact of any decisions about the BBC on commercial television."

Peter Baldwin, chief executive of the Radio Authority, said it planned to issue a formal response in due course. But he said: "Our first impression is that it is a very open

Melvyn Bragg, the South Bank Show presenter who has won some notoriety in broadcasting circles by calling for the BBC to share licence fee money with its commercial rivals, yesterday welcomed the green paper as "a very good opening discussion docu-ment. But he said he only wished that ITV had had the same opportunity. throws into relief the travesty of the legislation ITV suffered which was doctrinaire dictared. This is undoctrinaire. Lucky old BBC, good for them." he said.

Mr Bragg, LWT's controller of arts programmes, said that his arts council of the airwaves" proposal was meant only as a "trade-off" should the advertising cake with new satellite services such as UK Gold and its collaboration with BSkyB over Premier League footbail

"A lot of people inside the BBC and in government are distressed by the BBC taking advertising. Just last week UK Gold ran an ad saying now for the first time you can advertise with BBC programmes. This is why ITV and Channel 4 find themselves threatened. If the BBC wants to attack the advertising cake then ITV should get a slice of the licence fee cake. If they withdraw from advertising they should get the whole of the licence fee forever and ever. I am a great friend of the BBC," he said.



Bragg: "Lucky old BBC,

Charities seek chief for lottery hand-outs

By Ruth Gledhill

A NEW body is needed to distribute the proceeds of the National Lottery to charities, according to a report published today. The lottery will be the largest single source of charitable funds, generating up to £250 million for charity, and no existing body has the capacity to distribute such a sum, the report says.

A lottery bill is expected to be published before Christmas, said the national heritage department, which is responsible for the national lottery. Royal assent could be given next summer, with tickets on

sale in 1994. Estimates of an annual lottery turnover range from £1.3 billion to £4 billion, with up to £1 billion available to spend on good

causes. The money is ex-pected to be split between the arts, sport, heritage and charities. Some would be put into a millennium fund for large projects.

Voluntary sector income is £17 billion, including £3.5 billion donated by the general public. Lottery proceeds would represent between 0.5 per cent and 1.5 per cent of voluntary income but even so the lottery would become the biggest grant-maker to UK

The Association of Charitable Foundations report calls for a charitable board to be set up as an autono-mous trust, with committees for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The board should emphasise poverty and social welfare in distributing money.

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EC convicts Britain of poor quality tap water

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AND MICHAEL MCCARTHY

BRITAIN is in breach of European Community standards on drinking water, the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg ruled yesterday. It is the first time in 20 years

of EC membership that the government has been found guilty of disobeying Community environmental legislation. The court is due to decide next ear whether the seas off Blackpool, Formby and Southport beaches meet Com-

munity bathing standards. The ruling comes less than three weeks before the Edinburgh summit of EC leaders to define the doctrine of subsidiarity. Water quality is one of the areas that Britain feels might be better left to

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said that the court's decision should be put into perspective. There had been judgments on environmental issues against every other EC country except Portugal, which was allowed numerous relaxations of Community law because it joined

Mr Howard said in Copenhagen, where he was representing Britain at a meeting on the Montreal Protocol to save the ozone layer: "By the end of this year we shall have complied with the drinking water directive in 12 of the areas concerned and in the remainder by 1995.

Our contention to the court was that it was not practicable to comply in these areas any sooner. There was no danger



plied with EC standards." Nitrate in water has been linked to the "blue-baby syndrome" - oxygen deficiency in infants — and was at one

Irish politicians jockey for power By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

POLITICAL leaders in the Irish Republic today begin

what could be more than two weeks of intense post-election manoeuvring for power. As soon as the first indicato health in any of these tions of a result are known sometime this afternoon, the complex process of coalition-Friends of the Earth, whose building in a hung parlia-ment will begin. Most complaint led to the case,

called the ruling "a famous victory" for the consumer. Liana Stupples, the group's water campaigner, said: "The government has been caught observers believe the uncertainty could continue until December 14, when the Dail is due to resume and a new red-handed.' Taoiseach will be elected. At the last election in 1989, The court's chief finding was that drinking water in 28 the republic was left effectively supply zones in England had breached the EC limit on nitrate levels, which was adopted in 1980 and should without a government for

Scotland's drinking water

The judges rejected the gov-

ernment's case that it had

taken "all practicable steps" to implement the nitrate limit.

Twenty-one of the supply

zones are in the Anglian

Water region and five in the

Severn-Trent Water region.

The three other zones are managed by the Three Valleys

Water Company, north of London, and the South Staf-

fordshire company. About 800,000 people — 1.5 per cent

of the population of England

and Wales - are connected to

public water supplies in these

Michael Swallow, director

of The Water Companies'

Association, which represents

23 supply companies, said: "This judgment needs to be

put in context, In 1991, 97.2

per cent of 41,500 water nples tested for nitrate com-

time thought to play a role in stomach cancer. Most scientists now agree the risks have

been exaggerated.

Much of the nitrate in water is attributed to the delayed effect of ploughing up millions

of acres for food production in the second world war, which released large amounts of

nitrogen locked up in the soil.

breached the rules.

almost a month while Charles Haughey, then Fianna Fail leader, gradually came to terms with his party's first ever coalition government have taken effect in 1985. The nitrate concentration is not permitted to exceed 50 milliwith the Progressive grams per litre. The judges acquitted Britain of a second In this election, the main features have been the failure charge that lead levels in of Fianna Fáil to improve its

position, the resurgence of the Labour party which may add as many as nine seats to its 16

in the last Dail, and the failure of Fine Gael to capitalise on Fianna Fail's difficulties

With 83 seats required for 166-seat Dáil, Fianna Fáil looks like returning with about 74, down three on last time. Fine Gael with around 51, Labour with 25, the Progressive Democrats with six, Democratic Left with six, and four independents. On these figures, the most

likely outcomes are a coalition between Fianna Fáil and Labour or a three-way deal between Labour, Fine Gael, and the Democrats. However, another Fianna Fail link up with the Democrats, or a minority Fianna Fáil government, propped up by inde-pendents, are possibilities.

The key role, however, looks like being played by Labour. The expected increase in its vote reflects disillusionment with Fianna Fail. In a deal with Fianna Fáil, Labour can be expected



Weeks of manoeuvring and uncertainty will follow general election vote

to be looking for at least four cabinet posts and some junior First indications of the re-

sults of the three abortion

referendums, also voted on vesterday will be known this afternoon, but counting is not expected to be completed until

Village goes slow in poll spoilt by choice

THE voters of Naul seemed three Fianna Fail, one Green, confused and exasperated by the choice facing them in their community hall yester-

day (Edward Gorman writes). While polling in the country as a whole may have been officially described as brisk", in Naul — a small farming village about 17 miles north of Dublin — voting had, as usual, been slow by midday. Carmel Nugent, a cheerful mother of three, and presiding officer who has organised elections in the village for more than a decade, said about 10 per cent of the 570 registered voters had been in by lunchtime. Most would vote in the evening after returning from

work in Dublin. Facing them were no fewer than four piles of ballot papers. The yellow general lection forms listed ten separate candidates in the Dub-lin North constituency, four of whom will be returned to the Dáil under the single transferable vote system. The choice in Naul was from two Independents, two Fine Gael,

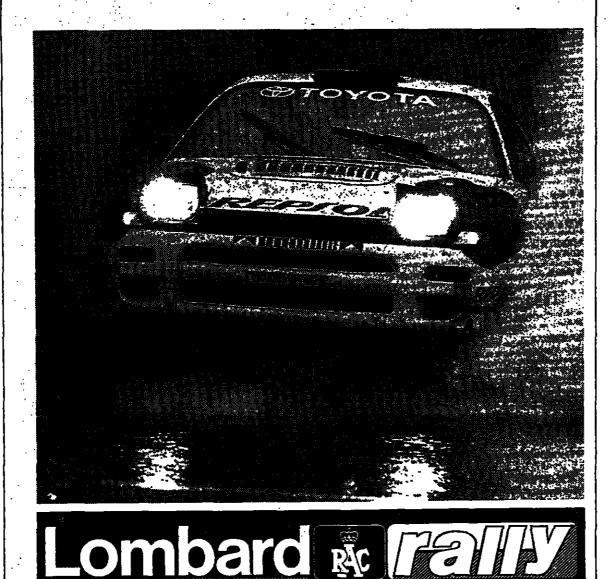
one Labour, and one Sinn Fein candidate.

Next to those forms were the three abortion referendum ballots. The green one was the proposal on travel (likely to be approved), the red one was on information (also likely to be approved). and the white one was the all important abortion amendment, or the so-called 'substantive issue' (likely to be

Mrs Nugent said she believed people were confused by the referendum choices and jaded at the prospect of voting in a general election. "This time a lot of people just aren't going to come out to vote because they are just fed

up," she said. Outside, in the small main street, election posters strung up on lampposts were al ready starting to fall down. Most were for the Fianna Fail troika of candidates in the constituency, bearing out Mrs Nugent's analysis that, in Naul, most people usually vote Fianna Fáil.





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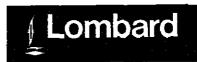
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Husband cleared of raping his bride

A Pakistani hotel chief was yesterday cleared of raping his bride on their wedding night. The jury was told that the man, aged 27, and the British-born Muslim woman of 19 took part in a hastily arranged marriage so that he could extend his six-month visitor's visa. The husband's counsel, Roger Keen QC, said that the girl had made the rape allegation to enable her to escape the marriage. "It is a terrible thing for a girl brought up and educated in England to be compelled to marry someone she hardly knows." he said.

The bride, from Newcastle upon Tyne, said that although she disliked the man she agreed to marry him under pressure from her family. The couple married in a Muslim ceremony ten days after their only meeting. followed by a register office wedding in Sheffield, where the man was staying with relatives after taking a hotel management course in Italy.

He told the jury that the woman's mother had agreed that he could have the choice of her three teenage daughters, and he had no idea that his bride was against the arrangement. The husband said that although the couple slept together, he had not attempted to have sexual intercourse with his wife. He had agreed to a no-sex pact until they knew each other better. He had no need to extend his stay because he had a good job in Pakistan.

Body found in suitcase

The body of a woman aged 46 has been found in a suitcase at a guesthouse in Swindon, Wiltshire, after the landlady noticed blood trickling through a ceiling. Christine Campbell, from Swindon, a divorced mother of two grown children, had been sexually assaulted and strangled in the guesthouse before her body was moved to the attic. She had dark curly collar-length hair, and was wearing a black coat, a black pencil skirt, a light green crew-necked woollen jumper and black shoes. Police want to question anyone who may have seen her in Pasha's or Vadim's night clubs in Swindon on Wednesday last week, or a taxi driver who may have taken a woman to the guesthouse.

Chess wins continue

The England team yesterday continued its unbeaten run in the European team chess championship in Debrecen. Hungary, beating Holland in the fourth round by 2½ points to 12. Michael Adams won his match and remains points to 12. Michael Adallis with his match and remains unbeaten in the competition, while Nigel Short, Tony Miles and Jon Speelman managed draws. Russia, which beat the Ukraine 2½ to 1½, still leads with 12 from 16 points, followed by England and Lithuania on 10½ points and Bulgaria, Holland and Israel on 10.

Two nurses suspended

Two nursing staff at Ashworth special hospital, Merseyside, have been suspended after investigations into a "stream of hateful literature" directed at staff and patients. Further enquiries among staff are in progress. Ashworth has 650 mentally disordered patients detained in special security, and 1,400 staff, 900 of them nurses. A full report into the spread of extremist propaganda directed chiefly at hospital staff will be given in the new year after the investigation by two former police chiefs.



Stability standards enforced

New safety rules will push up ferry fares

By PETER VICTOR

THE government plans to introduce stricter safety standards for ferries using British ports after failing to win the

support of world shipping.
After the sinking of the
Herald of Free Enterprise, more stringent damage stability standards were set in 1990 for all new ferries. These govern a vessel's ability to remain upright and affoat if

The government now wants all existing roll-on roll-off (roro) ferries modified to meet the standard, known as Solas 90. Shipowners must bear the full cost and doubtless this will put up the cost of travel," Lord Caithness, the minister for shipping, said. The International Maritime

Organisation (IMO), which represents world shipping, has been asked to accept next May the introduction of Solas 90 standards for all ferries. If it does not, the government plans to introduce the standard for UK shipping. Modifications to bring

Britain will go it alone to ensure that no ferry will ever again capsize as quickly as the Herald of Free Enterprise in 1987

fleets up to the standard would cost UK ferries on international routes about £60 million and cut annual revenue by £20 million because of structural changes. The cost to UK ferries on domestic routes would be about £25 million with £2 million a year in lost revenue. About 50 UK ro-ro ferries currently operate and nearly 100 use UK ports. Nearly all would need for vessels using UK ports."

Proposals outlined by the UK research programme into ro-ro ferries, set up after the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster, include watertight sponsons built on to the bulls of vessels, retractable barriers across car and lorry decks and buoyant spaces built into the

"The government considers that all ro-ro passenger ferries should be required to meet the

full Solas 90 standard for damage stability." Lord Caithness said. "Despite intensive efforts, it has not so far proved possible to secure sufficient international support for implementation of the full Solas 90 standard on existing vestimescale. We are now considering alternative ways of achieving the same objective

Department of Transport officials will meet ferry members of the Chamber of Shipping next week to discuss the announcement. The chamber said it welcomed moves to establish an international safety standard. If agreement could not be reached by next May then it would back government proposals to intro-duce Solas 90 for ships coming into and leaving UK



Flying handful: the newly hatched giant Hercules silk moth has transparent "windows" on its wings

Giant moth dying to find a mate

A RARE giant moth with an 11in wingspan, hatched in Britain for probably the first time, has only a week to live. Staff at Butterfly World in Preston Park, Stockton, Cleveland, who have six Hercules moth cocoons, are hop-ing that a female will hatch speedily from one of them so

that the pair can mate.

Michael Mann, the manager, said. These big silk moths don't have a tongue so they can't feed. Once they re hatched they just live off their own body fat and the male only survives between four breed. We're keeping our fingers crossed that a female hatches before he dies."

Butterfly World, which specialises in rare and endangered species, received a few Hercules moth eggs from Papua New Guinea three months ago. Mr Mann said: "We reared them on prive native diet of bleeding heart tree. The male is amazing, it's like a huge bird. Its body is the size of a man's thumb. It would be marvellous if two of



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How cyclist rode the winds of change to Olympic gold

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE secret behind Chris Boardman's cycling gold medal at the Barcelona Olympics has been revealed he "sailed" to victory on a bike designed to take advantage of crosswinds to generate extra

Richard Hill, an aerodynamicist at Lotus Engineering, which designed the bike, explained its features at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers this week. Not only was the bike light, strong and streamlined, but its performance in crosswinds was far

superior to that of its rivals. The large surface areas of the frame and solid rear wheel were tested in a wind tunnel to generate the maximum for-

ward thrust in a crosswind. The frame thus acted as a sail. The bike was able to in-crease its speed in some crosswind conditions without any extra effort from the rider, Mr Hill said. Tests with conventional competition bikes show that drag increases in cross-



Wind assisted: Chris Boardman speeds on

winds at low angles to the

direction of motion before

but a steady reduction. A computer program calculated the benefit of this effect to a bike circling a velodrome in which the wind angle changes constantly. It showed that a wind of five metres a second could be expected to slow a conventional racer over the 4,000-metre pursuit course by 12.17 seconds, while the Lotus would be 2.39 seconds quick-

decreasing when the wind angle is higher. The Louis

bike shows no increase in drag

er. These computer-generated results compare extremely well with actual race times as recorded at the Olympic Games," Mr Hill said. Wind-junnel tests also enabled the Louis engineers to

perfect the riding position. More than two thirds of the drag comes from the rider, not Tests show that, with a

conventional racing frame, the best option is to try to integrate the rider with the frame, forcing the airflow around the bike and rider as one unit. With the Lotus bike, the

opposite is true. The low drag of the monocoque frame and the sail effect mean that best results are obtained by allowing a clean airflow around the bike and a separate flow around the rider. When the ideal position was perfected, with the rider's body almost horizontal, total drag was reduced by 16 per cent, equivalent to a gain of 15 seconds over the 4,000 metres.

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A decision last year by the governing body of cycle sports, the Union Cycliste Inter-nationale, to allow unconventional designs to compete enabled Lotus to develop a prototype that had previously been banned. Only five months after the initial windtunnel tests. Boardman rode to gold, "proving the very real benefits to be had from optimising the aerodynamic design of rider/bicycle combinations", Mr Hill said.

The way it isn't



AS I drive past motorway service stations — Sam Park. Corley, South Minums, Toddington — I find myself asking whether their sites were chosen solely for the ugliness of their names, or whether those names become ugly simply because of their association with motorway service stations?

Would Membry, Fleet.
Trowell, Charnock and
Southwaite seem charming if they were the names not be the most gentle of of motorway service stations but of well-mannered children ("Charnock absolutley adores pressing flowers, and South Minnes is doing awfully well with her ballet. Show us your hand stands. Membury!")

were teased not just for their surname ("Ever Wet") but for the name of their home town - Braintree. Now that I live not far from Braintree it seems to me a perfectly sensible name, but in those days it was

hilariously funny. Of course, there are place names that are absurd and/or ugly in themselves - Higham Gobion, Slough, St Ibbs, St Neots, Leatherhead and Seaton Shuice spring to mind, and few are the poems to have been written of Wapping, I am also irritated by placenames I am unsure how to pronounce, They-don Bois, Cheshant, and

Hainhault among them. But any name can be ruined by the wrong association. For instance, Saffron Walden always seemed to names until the merciless presenter of Weekend World hit our screens. Similarly, Maxwelltown in Dumíries has been transformed overnight from

trusty to off-putting. There is nothing for it but When I was at prep- to build a motorway service school, there were two station there at the earliest brothers called Everett who possible moment.

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Forty years and £21 million later, the Monkswell Manor murder mystery is still packing them in

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Of mice and men: the 1952 production, left, featured John Paul and Jessica Spencer, right, as Giles Ralston and Miss Carewell. Yesterday, centre, the pair met Kenneth Price and Karen Davies, who play their characters now

Audiences get caught by the Mousetrap tale

By Alison Roberts, arts reporter

THE prime minister pledged his support for the arts yesterparty for The Mousetrap. John Major was the mystery guest at the party at the Savoy Hotel for the Agatha Christie play whose run has spanned nine British prime ministers. Mr Major, who saw the play before entering No 10, said that he had read all Christie's

novels. "I spent a year lying on my back after a fairly miserable car crash and I busied myself by reading everything

Mr Major voiced support for the arts, calling them an integral part of British life, "I believe profoundly that we undersell what we have in this country with the arts, orchestras, theatres and plays. I know of no city in the world that can beat what is available in London day in, day out."

Tourists come to London just to see The Mousetrap, and now know who done if. During its first year, when Mr Major trotted along to Cheam Common Primary School, sweet rationing ended, Stalin died and Eisenhower became United States president.

The Monkswell Manor Guest House mystery has inspired a new cast and a new adjective every year. In the tenth year it was imperishable", the fifteenth "un-ashamed" and in the twentieth "proud". No fortieth anniversary catchword has yet been coined, but many would call it "recession-proof". The Mousetrap has taken more than £21 million and continues to play to packed houses.

Apocryphal stories abound. London cab drivers who receive miserly tips give the game away at the door of St denouement is so forgettable that many people go to see the

surprised all over again.

Today the play is a curious costume drama, existing in a sepia-tinted time capsule. Despite the cast changes, the 20 directors have achieved a remarkable continuity. Script changes have been minimal and only references to rationing and identity cards have been deleted. Although the set has been rebuilt, the armchair and the ornate mantlepiece

clock are 1952 originals. The first production's revolver was auctioned at Sotheby's in 1985 and is now at the Victoria and Albert theatre Christie once tried to define the formula behind the play's

longevity: "It is not really frightening. It is not really horrible. It is not really a farce, but it has a little bit of all these things and perhaps that satisfies a lot of people."

The play has been vigorous ly protected; the St Martin's production is the only one allowed on stage in Britain. Film rights were sold in 1956 with the proviso that a release should be postponed for six months after the live show closed. The film has yet to be



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Charity man 'killed his wife'

The Crown yesterday closed the file on the murder of Marion Hood, a charity work-er, saying that her husband was responsible for her death.

Robin Hood, 45. of Paisley near Glasgow, who had two teenage children, hanged himself in August His wife, 44, had died the day before from head wounds.

The Scottish Office said: "The evidence points to the conclusion that Mr Hood, while suffering from stress and ill health, had been responsible for his wife's death."

TV pair banned

Glynog Davies, a television reporter, and Dafydd Evans, a researcher, were banned for a year from working for S4C after offering President Sad-dam Hussein editorial control of a documentary about the jailed Briton Paul Ride.

Boy goes home

Jack Leonard, the five-week-old Liverpool baby given "keyhole" brain surgery last week. has been allowed home.

Happy returns

Books, tapes and records worth £116,000 have been returned to Derbyshire libraries in a two-week amnesty.

MP likens banks to robbers

BY TONY DAWE

HIGH street banks were described as latter-day highwaymen yesterday as MPs from the three main parties attacked them for nigh interest rates, overcharging and not handling complaints properly. The MPs intend to put

down an early day motion supporting the Bank Action Group's call for an independent enquiry into banking practices and for compensation and damages for those who have

been overcharged.
Alex Carlile, Liberal
Democrat MP for Montgomery, said at a London conference called by the group: This issue is about people going out of business, about people losing their homes and about people and their families getting sick with worry. If only half of the evidence I have seen is accurate, some banks bave been behaving like latter-day

He said that those who believed they had been overcharged should write to their MPs, who had "tremendous potential for embarrassing banks into action by asking questions

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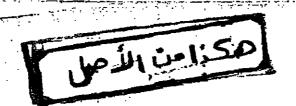
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Burgeoning charters hailed as a revolution or dismissed as a £24 million public relations hoax

Britons start to master the art of complaining

Government plans to overhaul the public services are still seen by sceptical citizens as a public relations exercise

By MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has never been renowned for its quality of service, at least in the eyes of its foreign critics. It has tolerated abruptness from rail staff, rudeness from waiters and the petty tyrannies of government Under the citizen's charter,

the first annual report on which was published yesterday, all that could be about to change. Instead of being mocked as a nation prepared to endure almost any indignity, the British seem set to master the art of complaining.

While supporters and critics of John Major's initiative debate whether the citizen's char-ter constitutes a new philosophy of government or an elaborate public relations hoax, new guidelines are being drawn up across the public sector which spell out the level and quality of service to which citizens are entitled. Even the name represents a break with a past in which the people were merely subjects.

The new Citizen's Charter Unit is accountable to William Waldegrave, the public service minister. It has 27 staff and a budget of £24 million for the next three years, most of which will be spent teaching the British their rights. The unit is responsible for ensuring that the charter eventually permeates all levels of government, the best part of a decade.

So far, 28 charters have been published, including British Rail's passenger's char-ter, the Inland Revenue's taxpaver's charter and the courts charter. Five more are in the pipeline, concerning further and higher education and the Docklands Light Railway. Each charter seeks to pro-

vide a statement of service, while at the same time providing a mechanism for improving standards. According to Mr Major's staff, this is an objective that has been dear to the prime minister's heart since he became chairman of Lambeth housing committee in the 1970s. It also represents the Conservative party's attempt to undermine the view that Labour puts a higher value on public services.

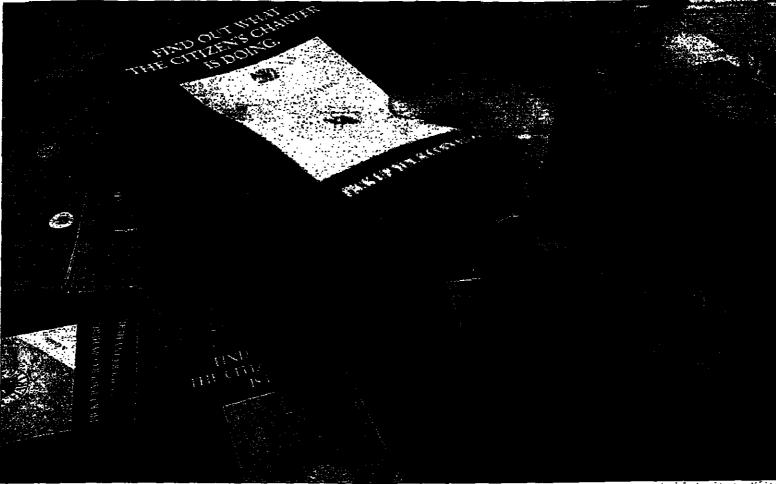
The charters are basically about providing the consumer with the necessary information to assess the level of service being provided. Im-provements, should they materialise, will stem largely from more efficient management. The charters will do little to ensure that additional resources are found to fund public sector services. Marjorie Mowlam, Lab-

our's citizen's charter spokesman, dismissed the programme as "farce and hype" and denounced Mr Waldegrave's claim that 90 per cent of initial commitments had been met or were "in hand". She accused him of having no basis on which to make the claim, as there had been no research to check that standards were being achieved (Arthur Leathley writes). Replying to Mr Walde-

grave's statement in the Commons, she said that the charter idea was a good one and had been originated by Labour, but added that government dogma and ideology had made consumers sceptical.

"If you were really serious about the quality of public services, you would have an-

nounced a long-term commitment to the public sector.
Instead we have another



Rights issue: copies of the first annual report on the citizen's charter, published yesterday to a mixed reception

glossy document full of regur-gitated facts." She said that there was cynicism and scepti-

cism among consumers.

They had seen reductions in funding for legal aid and Citizens Advice Bureaux and were less concerned with minor changes in utility services than with the high salaries that utility company chairmen

were receiving.
Several MPs cited reports that BR wanted to lower its punctuality targets as evidence that the charter was failing to improve standards. Or Mow-lam said: "People's daily experience of BR isn't a satisfaction with the publishing of punctuality and reliability targets but the actuality of the slashing of the Department of Transport's budget."

Mr Waldegrave came under strong pressure from Labour and Conservative MPs to make sure that the courts charter increased access. Tory MPs John Butcher and Michael Jopling said there were concerns that legal services were now beyond the reach of many.

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Helplines offer key to service

By IAN MURRAY

INFORMATION about all the 28 charters, including helplines and addresses can be obtained by ringing 0345 300130 (calls at local rates). A leaflet explaining what has been done can be obtained on freephone 0800 100 101. ☐ BR passenger's charter: Customers' letters of complaints average between 100 and 200 a day to each of nine BR regions. Charter's main asset is promise of rebate if trains are late or cancelled. Only Kent Coast line is below target so far. Annual season ticket holders will qualify 5 per cent reduction next year. ☐ London Underground pas-

senger's charter: Helpline number posted in all stations, 120 calls a day, not all complaints. Customers more than 20 minutes late get rebate; since August 1 "fewer than 20,000" have been paid total of "less than £100,000". ☐ Helpline taxpayer's charter (VAT) and traveller's char-(Customs and Excise): document setting out complaints procedure issued in September and traveller's charter in January. Both are

being surveyed.

[] Patient's charter: 900,000 requests received for full version of charter. Numbers waiting more than two years cut from 51,000 to five. All

regional health authorities have helplines. NHS freefone helpline, 0800 22 44 88, covers England, Wales and

Scotland. Parent's charter: Parent's right to know about schools met by publication of comparative exam tables last Wednesday: 5,000 people have since rung education department's freephone number, 0800 211

set up prototype charter in 1986. Complainants can raise queries locally even if their tax i eisewnere ☐ Jobsceker's charter, redundancy payments service charter (employment department): Department is cutting waiting time in Jobcentres and wait-

ing for phone. ☐ Benefits agency customer charter: Freephone number, 0800 666 555, receives 1.5 million calls every year.

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stance, must be answered within 30 seconds.

Waiting limits set for start of trial

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE down-at-heel, unfriendly image of courts with no waiting areas and long delays is to be tackled under a new framework published yester-day which sets target waiting times and guarantees national standards of service to witnesses, defendants and jurors.

The Courts Charter requires courts to publish the time within which they can provide a hearing in a civil case once the parties are ready for trial, and in criminal cases to conform to a timetable for bring-

ing cases to trial. Custody cases should be brought to trials within eight weeks of committal, while

cases where defendants are on bail should be brought to trial within 16 weeks of committal,

Slack service by court staff should also be a thing of the past. The charter outlines deadlines within which court officials will have to respond in as of court dusing such as divorce, probate and debt: telephone calls, for in-

People using the courts are to be sent maps of how to get there, details of catering facilities and the name of someone to speak to at court for more information. At court, they

should find clear signposts "courteous and prompt service from court staff who will wear name badges" and notices telling them how to complain.

In criminal cases, worried

witnesses can ask to be shown a courtroom before the case starts. Standards are also set for jury service. Jurors are to be shown a recently made video describing their duties in a trial and what happens.

The Lord Chancellor said the charter was a "public recommitment to quality" in the service the courts strove to provide. However, he warned against too great expectations in the area of the courts service. "The justice system is complex. The interests of those involved, and even the objectives of justice itself, are various and, in some respects, can conflict.*

A spokesman from his de-partment added: "It is not like British Rail aiming to get its passengers comfortably and safely into Waterloo on time." Imposing uniform standards was difficult to achieve ause of the or of court users.

Paul Boateng, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, said the charter "seeks to hide an increasingly run down and under-resourced system of civil and criminal justice behind a glossy veneer that bears no relation to the reality of the courts system".

Major's town gives package 'no' vote

BY KATE ALDERSON

A RETERED civil servant who has lived in the prime minister's Huntingdon constituency all of his life is unimpressed with his big idea, the citizens

charter.
"I don't know anyone who has got any satisfaction from this charter business," Ronald Pauliner said. "It is an insuit in the It's just another stunt."

lan Young from Buckden, called the charter 'a crocodile without any teeth". He said "The citi-zen's charter doesn't give you very much at all Look at the call-out time for ambulances in London. what good has the charter done. If there were mandatory powers to force people to give you a better service then demething might get done.

office worker read the charter to see how it setold affect her rights. She re-

into practice. Waiting lists are still too long. I have a friend who has been told that he must wait four months just for an X-ray. It's a lot of empty

Few people seemed aware of the 28 charters published by public bodies, but inside Huntingdon's library a big blue and white stand displays glossy blue leaflets. At the Citizens' Advice Bureau Joy Western, the assistant manager, said: "People are not really in-

terested in it. We don't

have many enquiries about it. If there's no power under law to make services better then people think "What's the point?" At Huntingdonshire District Council offices there was some confusion over the charter. The receptionist spoke to a councîl officer and said: "I've been told that Cambridgeshire County Council deal with some parts of the charter, we don't here. I've been told to give you this telephone number and the name of a man who might be able to tell you about it. I don't know who he is, but his name is William

Waldegrave. I hope he can

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Giant iceberg re-routes the ship of state M ost government initia-tives are taken more seriously than they deserve. The citizen's charter has sufyears, central government,

fered the reverse fate. It has both senior mandarins and been widely derided as a civil service unions, had largegimmick which fails to tackle ly resisted changes in strucflaws in public sector provi-sion. But that is both to ture, such as contracting-out, which it imposed on local government. But this is now underestimate the seriousness of the prime minister's comchanging. As Mr Dorrell said, instead of the traditional quesmitment and to patronise the public about understandable tion of "what can we sell?" the question will increasingly be

Yesterday's white paper un-derlines the extent of the "what must we keep?". This will, he argued, lead to shake-up in government. The a distinction between the pur-chase and provision of ser-vices, as already applies in the performance targets are only the public face of what William Waldegrave yesterday described as a shift towards NHS. So, even where the state is still responsible for certain management by contract and by explicit objectives. They form part of what Stephen services, central government will not necessarily remain the provider as well as the pur-Dorrell, financial secretary to chaser. This means not just the Treasury, on Monday called a "long march" through privatisations but also the subcontracting of support func-

Ironically, this Maoist attempt to create a permanent revolution in government is being spearheaded by two ministers, Mr Waldegrave and Mr Dorrell, who are viewed with suspicion by the Thancherites. In practice, what Mr Waldegrave was yesterday presenting as a new synthesis has diverse roots, some going back to Sir Edward Heath's "quiet revolution" of the early 1970s.

worries.

Of course, there are holes in the charter approach. The setting of formal targets leads to distortions that leave customers dissatisfied. But there have been real advances in setting standards. Despite continuing scepticism, every-one now has to be charter-minded James Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, has overcome even the conservatism of the legal establishment to pro-

duce a courts charter. The most significant changes are happening beneath the surface to ensure that the published targets can be met. Until the last couple of tions and the setting up of semi-independent executive

Mr Waldegrave yesterday signalled some significant cracks in the traditional struc-ture of Whitehall. Market testing, in which information technology, professional services and estate management are subject to competitive bidding, is being extended from £25 million up to almost £1.5 billion, a tenth of central

This should not only pro-duce sizable cost savings but also change managerial behaviour. Ministers have also at last started to challenge the previously centralised framework of civil service pay bargaining. The larger govern-

government's running costs.

be expected to assume responsibility for pay bargaining from April 1994 and perfor-mance pay for civil servants is being extended. This may mean that, at the top of the civil service, more officials are appointed on the basis of short-term contracts. Of course, flexibility is inhibited

public sector pay settlements.
As the low key discussion in the Commons yesterday showed, the full significance of these developments for central government is not widely apreciated by MPs, who have focused on only the visible part of the iceberg.

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A revolution is under way in Whitehall which has largely been ignored across the road in Westminster.

PETER RIDDELL

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Drivers face threat of tolls on motorway

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MOTORISTS could charged for driving on all motorways under radical plans to allow the private sector to take over the control of Britain's main highways.

The proposals to be outlined

a green paper in March or pail could result in tolls being losed on Britain's 50 existmotorways as well as new toads. In the longer term, the scheme may lead to privatisa-tion of the 1,937 miles of Motorway network

The Treasury, Downing Street Policy Unit and the Transport department have all been involved in discussions on the green paper, which is expected to include a range of options such as selling off existing motorways and levying tolls on all

motorways.
One Whitehall official argued that charges would bring roads in line with railways and airlines, would earn extra money for the exchequer, and might encourage travellers to

Other options confine tolls to new motorways, which would be more acceptable to motorists

John MacGregor, the trans-port secretary, is keen to get private firms to take over the financing, design, building and operation of all major inter-urban roads, arguing that this would enable the transport department's £23

■ The government is seeking to boost its road programme by "privatising" main highways. Motorists may have to pay

years — to be implemented much more quickly. The cost of building one mile of a threelane motorway in both direc-tions is £8.4 million, and Mr MacGregor is keen to transfer as much of the cost as possible out of his department. Transport officials say it is unlikely that motorways will

private developers. "It is a matter of how one defines ownership — whether you transfer the ownership of land or transfer operating rights," one official said. He emphasised that the green paper, still at an early stage, would be "very consultative" but would encompass a "radical programme", which in the long term — ten to 20 years —

could lead to the "privatisation

be sold off as chunks of land to

of motorways". The green paper is expected to cover inter-urban roads, bridges and tunnels. Measures to sweeten the pill of extra road charges for drivers are also being considered. However, it is said that any plan to reduce or abolish road tax is likely to be frustrated by the European Court on the grounds that it is anti-competitive: European users would

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Legislation to allow tolls to be levied on existing motorways is unlikely to be introduced until the 1993-4 parliamentary sesssion, but transport department sources argue that steps to transfer roads to private operators could be taken before then. At the moment the government often contracts out the building and design of roads to the

Under the new scheme the transport department could contract out the financing, design and building or reno-vation of roads and ask the firm to take control of operating the road, under a type of easing arrangement.

In the short term the private

firms would then receive govemment funding according to the amount of traffic on their roads. Once legislation had been passed, however, firms would be able to impose tolls and collect the money directly.

Mr MacGregor favours an electronic system, preferably without barriers. He is keen to avoid pay booths or pay buckets to avoid greater congestion on motorways. Drivers would have to buy a season ticket, possibly covering certain ar-



Voice of authority: parliamentary award winners Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, above, and Elizabeth Peacock, below

An award ceremony to watch

By JOE JOSEPH

THERE may come a point in the life of a politician or a magazine when they do some-thing that shows such foresight that it becomes hard to ermination to heal Tory party ignore what they say again.

So when The Spectator, picking last year's Parliamentarian of The Year awards, chose David Mellor as its would be unmissable. But the spice of yesterday's prizes lay. less in any prescience than in The Spectator's a clear det-

After a well-groomed opening address by Kenneth Baker, editor Dominic Lawson began the healing process by

Boothroyd, a Speaker who ensures smooth sailing in

parliamentary waters.

This year's Member To Watch? Michael Forsyth, whose loyalty to Thatcher and keenness to pick fights with Brussels meddlers makes him a valued member of John Major's team. New Member? Iain Duncan-Smith, the only new Tory MP to vote against the Maastricht paving bill.

Campaigner of the Year? Elizabeth Peacock, a Tory backbencher so loyal that she gave up a job as PPS to win the country round to Michael Heseltine's new view that closing 31 pits is a preposterous plan dreamt up by trouble-makers who wish the government harm.

When it fell to Richard Ryder to accept a "Special Award", the Chief Whip praised Kenneth Baker's willingness to latch on to the majority, even when this means doing somersaults with his opinions. Only political novices assumed that Mr Baker's noisy qualms over Maastricht meant he was against

the treaty.

Are these awards not guaranteed to quell talk of this within the Tory party?

AROUND THE / LOBBY

Challenge to Tories on income

Labour has challenged Conservative Central Office to disclose the source of £8 million of unaccounted political donations it claims were received last year.

Frank Dobson, the shadow employment secretary, yesterday pub-lished a list of company donations to Tory party funds, totalling £2.8 million last year. Another £1.4 million came from constituency organsations. Mr Dobson said that with Central Office costs running at £1 million a month, an £3 million gap between income and expenditure was unaccounted for. "Why isn't it declared?" Mr Dobson. said. "Is this the dosh that dare not speak its name?" A Tory official dismissed Labour's figures as "plucked out of thin air".

Heating bill

A bill to give fuel credits to the needy during the winter months was introduced by Alice Mahon. Labour MP for Halifax. She said that many old people died from cold-related causes during cold weather and the increase in deaths in winter rose much more markedly in Britain than in Germany and some Scandinavian countries.

Book price

English public libraries spent £84.8 million on books in 1990-1, Robert Key, the beritage minister. said in a written reply.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland: prime minister. Debate on the management of the public service. Lords (3): Debate on EC human rights report. Hereditary peerages bill, sec-ond reading.

Howard seeks to quell tax fears

By Nicholas Wood, Political correspondent

THE biggest losses under the supporters admit is a "tough" new council tax will amount to no more than £200 per house-hold a year, Michael Howard will tell MPs today.

The environment secretary will also seek to reassure his troops by announcing that he is taking drastic new powers to curb town hall spending. Councils will be allowed to overshoot their Whitehall-imposed spending targets by only 2.25 per cent, compared with 6.5 per cent this year.

The new figures will be set

out today in the Commons as

Mr Howard lays the ground for the introduction of the council tax in April, three years after the ill-fated poli tax. Although he is unlikely to admit as much, he and Treasury ministers believe that the new formula for raising taxes is likely to be their last chance to solve a problem that has bedevilled the Tories since Margaret Thatcher's 1974 pledge to abolish the rates.

A senior Whitehall source suggested yesterday that if the new property-based tax followed the poll tax into oblivion, the government would have little choice but to pay for

all town hall spending out of central taxation. Mr Howard's difficulties today in placating his backbenchers have been com-

pounded by what even his

with the Treasury. He has won only £1.2 billion or 3.7 per cent in extra grants from Whitehall, of which some £350 million will be earmarked for the transitional relief scheme, cushioning the impact of the new tax for losers, most of whom are in the Tory heartlands of London and the South East.

A leaked letter from Mr Howard to Tory MPs highlighted his worries yesterday as he acknowledged that "colleagues in the south will be concerned about levels of bills". He said that transition-al relief would provide "significant help for families who do lose and will be particularly helpful in the south". He promised "vigorous-use" of

capping powers.

The level of relief will operate on a sliding scale corresponding to the eight property valuation bands. Maximum increases for the average Band C house (worth between E52.000 and £68,000) will be £100 a year. Maximum increases at the top of the scale will be £200 a year. Jack Straw, the Labour envi-

ronment spokesman, said the council tax was rigged in favour of the well-off.

Branson derailed

RICHARD Branson, the Virgin Group chairman, was accused yesterday of having a "protozoan" level of knowledge of railways by a member of the Commons transport select committee. which is considering government proposals to privatise BR (Jonathan Prynn

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Mr Branson, who wants his Virgin Rail subsidiary to operate a train service between London and Glasgow and Edinburgh in direct competition to BR, told the committee it was critical that the government should allow for competition on its long-distance services.

Paul Flynn, a Labour

ledge and enthusiasm for railways and asked how be could run a train service when "your understanding is at a protozoan level". Mr Branson said later that he was "not too much" annoyed by the dismissive treatment he had received. "Not many MPs have run a business. That is a problem and presumably why they call in business people." James Sherwood, president of the Sea Containers ferry group, said he be-lieved his company could make savings of £50 mil-lion if it was allowed to run the track in the southern

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UN suspends help to Serbian community after local commanders ignore agreement to let convoy pass



tand-off gamble: General Philippe Morillon says the Serb military has not kept agreements

Bosnian Serbs block aid to Muslim enclave

By Tim Judah in Ljubovija and Our Foreign Staff

Serb leaders were plunged into crisis yesterday as Serb military commanders barred the progress of a UN convoy tined for Srebrenica, one of the last big areas of Muslim resistance. The UN suspend-ed humanitarian aid to Serbs in Bosnia until the same assistance can be delivered to Srebrenica, and a tense stand-

off was beginning.
"We will sit on the border for days, if needs be," said Lyndall Sachs, spokeswoman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as the convoy of 20 lorries waited on the Serbian bank of the Drina river. A reconnaissance party that tried to cross was met with a lowered frontier post. On the Serbian bank, locals sneered at the UN and shouted at journal-

ists: "Go home, pigs.". Close to Gorazde, another besieged Muslim enclave, a UN armoured personnel car-rier hit a landmine, but no

RELATIONS between the one was injured. The convoy United Nations and Bosnian was reported to be waiting until other mines had been

> The UN also said yesterday it was interrupting its humanitarian airlift to Sarajevo after a French aid plane was hit by small-arms fire. A spokesman said the flights may be resumed today. Despite explicit permission

given by General Ratko Mladic the Bosnian Serb military leader, local com-manders said yesterday that they had no authority to let the Srebrenica convoy pass. Major General Philippe Morillon, the UN overall commander in Bosnia, has complained of Serb failure to honour previous agreements. On Tuesday, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb

leader, told the UN permis-sion for the convoy was being withdrawn because of fighting round the enclave, but Mrs Sachs said: "We learnt from our own sources that there were no security prob-



lems. From the Serbian bank of the Drina, the occasional rumble of artillery or mortars could be heard coming from the hills.

The enclave of Srebrenica has shot to the top of the UN 80,000 inhabitants, including 26,000 refugees, have received no aid since the beginning of the war in eastern Bosnia in early May. Two previous attempts to deliver food and medicine

were thwarted when black-clad Serbian widows barred the road to UN convoys. The war in this part of the

Drina valley began on May 3,

torched the Muslim village of Hranca, two miles outside Braninac, killing four people. Since then, the Muslims have retreated into the Srebrenica enclave and have mounted hit-and-run guerrilla operations, burning down sur-rounding Serb villages.

Serb commanders are desperate to starve out Srebrenica because they cannot defeat it militarily. What is not clear is whether the decision is being taken by "renegade elements" at a local level or at the very top. One UN officer said yesterday that he believed the orders came from General Mladic himself but that "it is part of the military strategy to pretend the blockage is at the

Desperate pleas for help are being radioed out of Srebrenica, saying that thousands are without adequate shelter, food supplies have virtually run out, and that gastric and other diseases are beginning to spread.

Both the Bosnian Serbs and the UN are playing for high stakes. The Serbs have international aid, except in the Sarajevo area, in order to crush Srebrenica. The UN is gambling because 50 per cent assistance now reaching Sarajevo comes by road from Belgrade and could be cut off by the Bosnian Serbs at a

oment's notice. Meanwhile, in Istanbul yesterday Turkey convened a meeting of the nations most directly threatened by the spread of fighting in the former Yugoslavia. Represen-tatives from countries including Italy, Hungary, Croatia. Macedonia, Bulgaria, Romania and Albania called for the UN to deploy troops throughout the region.
In Geneva, the UN agreed

to exempt from sanctions an emergency mission being sent to Montenegro to repair the flood-threatened dam at Mojkovac. The European Community said it would give \$135,000 (£89,000) to help repair the dam, which was damaged in floods and threatens to spill seven million tonnes of toxic waste into

Belgrade gangland killing unveils link to the death squads

By Roger Boyes, east europe correspondent

omecions between the Serian underworld and the killing squads in Bosnia have ben revealed by the ganglari murder of a "capo" in the Blgrade Hyatt Hotel.

Alexarler Knezevic, 22, ran a restauant protection racket sing scres of criminals who fought inCroatia and Bosnia. Knezevi — nicknamed "Knele" c "Knez" — dabbled in prostintion and gun-running. He ecame rich, drove a Porsche, wore heavy gold chains and a Rolex watch. Nobody knows who shot him.

Arkan, vhose real name is Zelko Razijatovic, controls a paramilitaty group, the Ti-gers, that "effinically cleansed" Vakovar in Croatia last year and has been plainderingeastern Bosnia.

At the height of the Bosnian war, Akan was said to be trainin; 1,000 militiamen a week. ie, too, has become wealth; originally on loot his varius rackets in Serbia.

Although he is wanted for robberyin Amsterdam, Brussels, Bene and Stockholm, he is virtally immune from arrest a Serbia. He has a controlling interest in the Delija etective agency that offers aprotection service to the Belgade casinos. Many of the blac-market currency exchangesure run by Arkan and he has tken a tentative step towards respectability by opening in official bank.

Another gangster-warlord is Dragolav Bokan, formerly a philosophy lecturer at Belgrade University, who runs two paranilitary groups, the White Eales and the powerful Dusa unit. His groups are said to be responsible for many massacres in Croatia.

Bush seeks monitors for Kosovo

From len Macintyre

in washingon PRESIDENT Bush has asked France and Britain to set up with Ameria an international civilian fore to monitor Serb attacks on the Albanian majority in Kosvo.

He has become concerned at the fate of Albanians in Kosovo after intelligence reports that the Serbian government was providing Serbian civilians with weapons and confiscating the arms of Albanians, while nereasing Serb military activity in the Albanians of the Albanians an enclave. Oficials fear that, if the war spreads to Kosovo (where the population is 90 per cent ethnic Albanian), it could trigger greater conflict in the Balkans.

The Bush proposal, sent to both John Major and President Mitterrand, also encouraged them to support demands for a restoration of autonomy in Rosovo, according to The NewYork Times.

Former officials, some con-gressmen and the United Nations have urgedmore radical imervention in Kosovo, but Dick Cheney, he defence secretary, and General Colin Powell, chairmanhf the Joint Chiefs of Staff, strongly op-pose the direct involvement of including the mutilation of 15 policemen in Borovo Selo. Bokan, who says he has Australian citizenship, is a partner in Elita, an estate agency that offers cash advances to the homeless.

The corporals and sergeants of these paramilitary groups are mainly hardened criminals. There is thus a natural bridge between the fighting on the front and the running of the black market in Serbia. They enjoy official protection because they feed a myth of war heroism and because the Serbian leadership is forced increasingly into a legal twilight. In partic-ular, many underworld gangs are active in sanctions

Arkan supervises much of the petrol smuggling through Romania and from Greece and he has an interest in some of the filling stations that sell the fuel. Knele was experiguns, stockpiling them and then resupplying them, thus

dodging the arms embargo. A protective umbrella has been spread over these men by four "respectable" politi-cians and officials. General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Serbian army in Bosnia, has been integrating paramilitary commanders into his battle plans. There were early frictions between the Serb army and the irregulars, but smoothed over by the general

The second key figure is the former intelligence chief, Mihaly Kertesz, who provided part of the funding for para-military training and gave Arkan the honorary rank of colonei. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader. needs the paramilitary groups for his ethnic cleansing

In a matter of a day, one section of the White Eagles can put a whole Muslim community to flight — they are truly terrifying. The fourth element is Vojislav Seselj, ultra-nationalist leader of the Serbian Radical party, who gives the paramilitaries a voice in Belgrade.

Little wonder that the gang-land leaders enjoy police im-munity. One explanation of Knele's murder was that the police were angry that he was moving into the drugs trade. Serbia does not have a big drugs problem, but Knele may have had ambitions to be a key dealer in cocaine. That would have ended his benign

relations with the police.
Arkan, 40, has different, mainly political ambitions. He had been accumulating wealth for the postwar period and is determined to become as respectable as he can before the regime of President Milosevic collapses.

Knele came from a long criminal dynasty. Whatever regime emerged from the rubble of war, Knele would have found a way of flourishing until he took one risk too many. He could afford to take risks - like challenging Arkan's prerogatives in the casino protection racket.

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Further blocking tactics against farm subsidy deal could trigger crisis in EC

Community undermines key French argument

FROM GEORGE BROCK AND TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission undermined last night one of France's key arguments against the European-American deal on farm subsidies by agreeing that the settlement struck in Washington last week fits in with the European Community's agricultural reform.

The commissioners agreed to send their analysis of the agreement to governments today. A spokesman, asked if the report confirmed that the EC-US deal was compatible with EC farm reform, said: "That it

The relief felt throughout the Community's capitals since the shadow of a trade war disappeared has shown that France has no solid allies against a world trade deal which may be completed in months. Bonn is signalling that even its normal closeness with Paris would not persuade its ministers to tolerate further obstruction. With a trade liberalisation treaty promising a boost for battered economies, French blocking tactics would trigger an EC crisis that would finish off the fragile

Maastricht treaty.
The French government's tactics now seem directed at two Parthian shots delivered in retreat. The Socialist gov-ernment, which will almost certainly lose power next March, would like to see its centre-right successors forced to cope with the unpopular fall in farm incomes. All delay helps. Paris wants to be bought off with extra compensation for its farmers. An air of crisis adds strength to its

bargaining leverage.
If France did use its right of veto, the EC would find itself in a legal minefield. The Community takes its key decisions by unanimity: a state can block revisions to the EC's basic treaty and other policies. In three important areas, the rules allow governments to settle issues by "qualified ma-jority": trade policy, agriculture and single market laws.

io its veto. France would first have to create an opportunity for its use - and most states are determined to have only one decision on a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade treaty, and to take that as late as possible. Since 108 governments still have 14 sections of a new treaty to finetune in Geneva, the EC's final approval will not be required

and Germany hope that France would be less ready to block its partners if the vote is on a whole treaty and not merely the farm subsidy deal.

By invoking the little-understood and much-disputed "Luxembourg compromise", which dates back to 1966, theoretically France can block the deal, citing threats to "vital national interests". In certain circumstances, a lone dissi-dent can override the majority

In the past, when there has been even the slightest whiff in the air that a member state has been looking up the rules of the Luxembourg compromise, ministers have steered clear of bringing the issue in question to the vote. Over the years, this concession turned into an effective vero.

But increasing use of majority voting led some governments to consider that the compromise had fallen into disuse. In 1982 Britain tried to block a farm price settle-ment as part of Margaret Thatcher's tactical game plan to win a rebate from the EC budget. The other eleven members, concurring that the farm price settlement did not impinge on vital national interests for Britain, went ahead and voted it through.
When the 1986 Single

European Act boosted the use of majority votes, eight states said that the Luxembourg compromise should be pen-sioned off. Britain, Greece, Denmark and France asserted that it still lived. The president of the European Court of Justice, Claus Gulmann, holds that only together can the four nations be sure of stopping a measure. That analysis raises the peculiar possibility that a French "Luxembourg" veto would have to be supported by Britain. "I wouldn't want to give you any steer on that because it's so far down the track," said a wary British official last night.

London: Norway applied to join the EC yesterday. In London, Gro Harlem Brundtland, the prime minister, handed a note to John Major as head of the rotating

EC presidency.
British officials said there would be three key problem areas for the negotiators fishing, farming and whaling. Norway has failed in three previous applications. (Reuter)



Taming the fury: a Breton farmer being arrested in Saint Brieuc during a demonstration by about 600 against the Gatt accord between the European Community and America. Farmers threw petrol bombs at police and burnt the Stars and Stripes. Elsewhere in France, protesters attacked a McDonald's and dumped US prouce

Enraged farmers take on police in day of protests By Charles Bremner in paris and Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

As French MPs prepared to vote on the government's hardline rejection of the EC-US farm accord, thousands of angry farmers disrupted traffic and destroyed property in Paris and half a ozen French cities yesterday.

Forty-four police officers were hurt in the Paris demonstration, mainly by projec-tiles, police said. Only one received hospital treatment. Though incidents were reported up and down the country, the authorities said the demonstrations were mild in comparison with protest days

Suspicion that the Socialist government will not follow through its promise to defend French agriculture fuelled the protests, which ranged from disrupting the Paris stock exchange to an attack on a McDonald's fast-food restau-

rant in Bordeaux. "We just don't believe a word the government is say-

ing. We know what they're up

to. They're going to sell us out just like the CAP common agricultural policy," said Alain l'Hôpital, a farmer from the Rhône region who led a group among some 3,000 on the Esplanade des Invalides, near the National Assembly on the Left Bank. Four Metro stations were closed and traffic jammed over the Seine as the protests went on, but police fears of widescale vioence were not borne out.

However, the promise yesterday from Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, that the government would use its veto if the EC failed to answer France's grievances did little to quell the anger among the farmers. Late in the afternoon squads of militant young farmers clashed with the CRS riot police as they tried to approach the agriculture ministry on the nearby Rue de

Angry agriculteurs, out-numbered by the television crews, hurled firecrackers and

the police responded with tear gas. In other incidents, police used tear gas against farmers who threw stones and bricks at them in the Breton town of Quimper. Five police officers were hurt. In Saint Brieuc, also in Brittany, farmers threw petrol bombs at police and burned an American flag Demonstrators burned straw, US flags and dumped US produce in Rheims, Beauvais

Some 70 tractors surrounded the airport at Lille, in the north, and hay bales were from driving onto the airfield. About 200 people also blocked the Calais-Switzerland railway by dumping several tonnes of potatoes and burning hay bales on the line at Strazeele in Flanders.

Farmers tried but failed to block the A1 motorway lead-ing to Brussels and the Channel French ports. In Boulogne, farmers burned a Union flag in one of many

protests this week against what is seen as British complicity in the Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) deal with Washington. The militant Co-ordination Rurale union has promised to intercept all British lorries carrying farm produce from next Tuesday, if the Gatt

accord is not scrapped.

Farmers insist that thousands of smallholders will be driven off the land if France accepts the Gatt agreement. which limited oilseed production and subsidised farm exports outside the EC.

The government has ac-L cepted the argument, though the experts in Brussels were still studying the impact of Friday's agreement.

Commentators have begun timidly to question the con-ventional wisdom that the Gatt deal, coming after this year's reform to the CAP, would effectively mean death to the rural way of life. No

politician has voiced such a thought in public, though many concede that France can ill afford to precipitate a Community crisis and a world trade war to appease the wrath of its farmers

Farmers' leaders in Britain yesterday condemned the threat of French violence against British lorries carrying livestock and other agri-cultural produce. They fear a repeat of the attacks in the summer and autumn of 1990 when about 30 lorries were cheap imports. In two particulariy gruesome incidents, some 300 sheep were poi-

soned and burnt alive. David Naish, the president of the National Farmers' Union, last night blamed an "extremist faction" within French farming. "It is foolish to adopt a stance like that of the court of King Camute in thinking you can turn back the tide of future trading patterns. Such action will

port agriculture and other industries who se important benefits in a Gatt ettlement." British farmersshare some of the French wory about the mpact of a Gat settlement but say the French will suffer no worse than myone else. French farmers, who are the biggest exportes of food to non-EC countries, fel espe-cially threatened by the recent EC-US agreement or agriculture which would but the volume of all subsidied farm

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ber states and re not subsidised. Livestock transporers said last night they were aprehensive about possible French action, due to sert next Tuesday, but were ot planning to reduce consimments.

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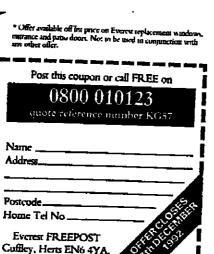
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Yeltsin throws aide to hardline wolves

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday sacrificed one of his closest political allies and personal friends. Mikhail Poltoranin, a deputy prime minister and information minister, in an attempt to save his reforms from assault by conservatives in the powerful Congress of People's Deputies.

Mr Polioranin is a wellknown liberal whose outspoken attacks on hardliners have placed him high on the hit list of six ministers whose sacking has been demanded by the main opposition Civic Union as its price for supporting Mr Yeltsin's administration in next week's session of Russia's "super-

parliament". He said yesterday that his resignation was intended to guard Mr Yeltsin against opposition manoeuvring at "a crucial moment for Russia's future". The speed with which Mr Yeltsin accepted his resignation indicates that the president has surrendered to the inevitability of losing some key radicals from his team in order to stabilise his government, apparently at the mercy of the alliance of military and industrial figures making up

Civic Union's core. The decision to sacrifice Mr Poltoranin may well be an early tactic to placate the conservatives and keep the congress short to limit further damage to Mr Yeltsin's reform team. The Russian leader is spending the run-up to the congress doing deals with his enemies in the hope of salvaging the rudiments of his reforms at the Kremlin session of mainly hardline deputies.

Mr Yeltsin is exhibiting an impressive ability to fight back from a position of weakness in

which hyper-inflation and the tumbling rouble are sapping faith in reform. His methods. however, are a mystery.

He has even managed to

hure Ruslan Khasbulatov, his maverick parliamentary chairman, into proposing to extend his special presidential powers by a year, but whether he achieved this by enticement or threat is uncertain. The parliament is also adopting a conciliatory tone, but Civic Union is clearly in confident mood and Mr Yeltsin may feel compelled to sacrifice other key figures to woo its support.

The union's leading-figures also have Andrei Kozyrev, the

foreign minister, in their sights, regarding him as too pro-American. They also want Gennadi Burbulis, one of the president's strategists, ousted. If the union succeeds in displacing these figures, it will herald the end of the predominance in government of liberals who rose in the Gorbachev years and proved themselves loyal Yeltsin men during his fall from grace as Moscow party chief in 1987 and again

during the 1991 coup. The indications are that Mr Poltoranin agreed to be sidelined to help save the govern-ment, in the hope of returning to a post when things look better for Mr Yeltsin. It is a strategy employed by another close ally of the president. Sergei Shakrai, who resigned from his post in charge of legal reforms in spring to assuage the hardline parliament and returned this month as adviser on ethnic conflicts.

This is the second in a series of anicles previewing Tuesday's crucial meeting of the Con-gress of People's Deputies

Rescue for ozone layer speeded up

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY

ENVIRONMENT minis-ENVIKONMENT ministers and officials from nearly 100 countries yesterday more than doubled the speed of phasing out chlorofluorocarbons (CPCs), the chemicals that have been destroying the world's ozone lauer.

The meeting in Copenhagen agreed to bring forward the CFC phase-our deadline from January 1, 2000 to January 1 1996, and set targets to eliminate a range of other ozone-damaging substances. This was the third and stiffest timetable agreed in the five year life of the Montreal Protocol.

While the agreement was hailed by Michael Howard, the environment secretary. as "a very considerable achievement", pressure groups, including Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, said it did not go far groups Rub Purman Railway enough. But Rumen Bojkov, of the World Meteorological Organisation, said that, although ozone destruction would continue for decades because of the long activity of

CFCs in the atmosphere, the controls now put in place would eventually halt it.

The worst years are still to come, he said, between 1995 and 2005, with the amount of ozone-destroying chlorine in the atmosphere expected to peak around the turn of the century at about four parts per billion. It would be the middle of the next century before the level returned to that of the early 1980s.

Refugees attacked near Kohl's hone FROM JOHN HOLLAND IN BERLIN AND

RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

EVEN while Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, warned the Bundestag about "rising vio-lence" in Germany, his home state of Rhineland-Palatinate was the setting for new race hatreds that threatened to destroy Germany's democratic

About 20 right-wing ex-tremists, chanting "Sieg Heil" and "Germany for Germans" attacked a trailer park filled with refugees, smashing windows before escaping without trace. None of the 36 foreigners was burt during the night attack in the town of Weisenheim am Sand, just a few miles from Herr Kohl's private home in Oggersheim, near Ludwigshaven

There has been international uproar in the wake of the firebombings on Monday in Mölln, in which two Turkish girls and a woman were killed, with some Jewish and Turkish leaders demanding that their followers should take up the armed struggle against the fascist thugs.

Israel's Jewish Agency, the

quasi-governmental immigra-tion organisation, reported yesterday that the number of West European Jews planning to immigrate to Israel has risen sharply in the past few weeks, particularly from Germany.

A poll released yesterday showed that most Germans showed that most Germans would accept a temporary suspension of democratic freedoms to stop right-wing or left-wing extremism. In the poll by the respected Wickert Institute, 77 per cent of those queried would approve a kind of temporary state of emergency. A separate survey, however, cy. A separate survey, however, found about a quarter of

Germans supporting radical right-wing slogan like "foreigners out".

Political analyst said Herr Kohl, who appeard on television within hors of the firebombing in Melln to condern the racis violence, seemed not to have grasped the magnitude of the problem.

His remarks in the Bundestag yesterday. Introduce the racing yesterday. tag yesterday, lumping vio-lence from both he left and the right togethe, only high-lighted his personal blindness.

according to Dr Martin



Kohl: accessed of failing to see exent of racism

Mantzke at Bonn's Society for Foreign Affairs. "I'm sorry to say that the chancellor is still showing an instorical naivete and is unable to make any differences between left and right-wing volence," he said. Anaylsts say the chancellor is beholder to a conservative inner circle of Christian Democratic advesers. They see tying the violene to public discontent with he influx of refugees and aculum seeless a surrous of sections. and asylum-seekers as a way of amending Germany's existing liberal aylum laws

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Pakistan's fearful masters overreact to Bhutto's fading magic



BENAZIR Bhutto, the Pakistani opposition leader and former prime minister, leaves Lahore by train today in the next stage of a seemingly futile attempt to unseat the government. Though cheered by hundreds at railway stations across the country, the public response was a far cry from the days when the Bhutto name

vas intoxicating. She has accused the police of strong arm taches to keep her supporters away. While that has been true, she has failed demonstrably to rouse people sufficiently to have any Nawaz Sharif, the prime minster. She has, though, given him a good shaking.

Even his violent suppression of her supporters, with thousands imprisoned and tear-

gassed into submission, has not created a backlash. That is unusual. People have seemed weary of power politics and unresponsive to Miss Bhutto's attempts to mobilise her greatest weapon, street power.

Some of her own advisers believe her timing is wrong. Perhaps she wanted Bill Clinton, the American presidentelect, whom she regards as an ally, to take notice. Or she may have been raising her profile prior to an expected court ruling that she is unfit for public office and should be

Mr Sharif misjudged the public mood and unnecessarily mobilised a huge security operation to stop Miss Bhutto leading a march from the Punjab city of Rawalpindi to neighbouring Islamabad, the federal capital. He justified the move by conjuring up images of violent mobs taking over the parliament buildings. But it was a humiliating experience for a country attempting to cast off its autocratic history. Islamabad had never seen the like, not even during military

Aside from the city's 5,000man police force. Mr Sharif summoned 5,500 men from the Punjab Constabulary. 4,000 paramilitary forces from the Frontier Constabulary and two army brigades. Barbed wire, sandbag bunkers, road blocks, tear gas and riot gear were brought in. Miss Bhuno's home was ringed with wire and surrounded by riot police in an attempt to stop her getting out.
It made a mockery of the

country's pretences to democracy. The saving grace was apart from committing two brigades, the army was

The generals, who have run Pakistan for 24 of its 45 years of existence, are doubtless disgusted that the politicians are again up to their old antics after two years of comparative calm. But General Asif Nawaz, the army chief of staff, seems determined to stay out of politics unless the system starts to collapse, as well it might eventually if Miss Benazir keeps pushing.

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

The generals are unim-pressed by Mr Sharif, whose corrupt as Miss Bhutto's was. Democracy in Pakistan is extremely fragile, which is why

mats urged Miss Bhutto to call off her "long march" in case it lead to a collapse of law and order and military interven-

tion. She refused. That doubtless emboldened Mr Sharif into taking draconian security steps. The crackdown would have impressed earlier military dictatorships for its ferocity. Miss Bhumo was banned from the entire Punjab (later rescinded to just Islamabad and Rawalpindi) and from the North West Frontier Province for 30 days. Supporters who tried to protest were bundled into the back of police lorries and

taken to jail. Thousands are still held all over the country, leaving the four-year-old democracy weakened. The overkill gave ment on the run. Had Miss Bhutto been given a free rein she might have been humiliated by a poor turnout.

As it was, the tear gas and barbed wire gave her a domestic propaganda victory, although she has sullied her political name internationally by threatening mob power against a democratically elected government.

Her week-long anti-government campaign took a day's rest in Lahore, the Punjab provincial capital, yesterday. She plans to travel today to the outskirts of Rawalpindi, goading the security forces who have established another formidable presence to ensure that she does not breach the ban on entering the city limits.

□ Islamahad: Six people were hanged for murder in Lahore

yesterday, bringing the num-ber of executions this month to 17, said a Kot Lakhpat prison official. He said the execution of a seventh man was deferred

for legal reasons. Eleven people were hanged in prisons across Punjab on November 15 and six others won reprieves through agree their murder victims. Islamic laws permit the relatives of the deceased to pardon the condemned person or to receive blood money as compensation. Miss Bhutto decided when she took office in 1988 to stop executions and comimprisonment Capital punishment was reintroduced in April by Mr Sharif to try to stem rising violence. (Reuter)

Gun attack mars new hopes of peace talks by ANC and Inkatha

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

WHILE the announcement yesterday of a possible summit between Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi raised hopes for peace in South Africa, violence flared again in Soweto when at least 36 people were injured by a group of men who opened fire on commuters before fleeing in a minibus. Six people have been admitted to hospital in a critical condition.

Colonei Tienie Halgryn, the police spokesman, said the gunmen boarded a train at Mlamlankunzi station shortly after dawn. They attacked commuters with "firearms, pangas (machetes), sharp instruments and stones" before fleeing in a minibus. Security guards at the Mlamlankunzi station fired shots in an attempt to ward off the attackers, but made no arrests.

Hundreds of people have

Dissident is

released on

probation

Peking: Bao Zunxin, 55, a prominent dissident imprisoned for five years in 1989 for

plotting to overthrow the Chi-

leased yesterday "on probation", more than 18

months early (Catherine

Mr Bao, a philosopher, is

the first Tiananmen Square

pro-democracy demonstrator

to be freed before the end of

his sentence. There is specula-

tion that this may be followed

by the release of others who

are sick or who have "repent-

Bangkok: The skeletons of

seven Asian slaves who helped

to build the infamous "Death

Railway" for the Japanese dur-

ing the second world war have

been discovered during the ex-

cavation of a car park in Kan-

chanaburi, 75 miles northwest

Sale withdrawn

Athens: The Christina, the

legendary palatial yacht be-longing to the late Greek ship-

ping tycoon, Aristotle Onassis

has been withdrawn from sale

for the second time, due to a

of Bangkok. (Reuter)

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been killed or injured in attacks on Johannesburg comnuter trains, a spillover from township wars which have mainly pitted supporters of the ANC against Inkatha.

In the past week, police have stopped 30 Soweto trains at random and searched 200,000 committers in a renewed effort to stop the violence.

In the Johannesburg suburb of Sandton a meeting of representatives of all 19 signa-tories to last year's national peace accord gave themselves a standing ovation after a meeting where the ANC and Inkatha agreed that their leaders, Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi, should meet to talk of peace.
Delicate shuttle diplomacy

by John Hall, a prominent businessman who chairs the committee established by the accord, finally bore fruit at the meeting. He has spent much time commuting between Chief Buthelezi in Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital, and Mr Mandela, trying to iron out their differences, and yesterday he announced that the two leaders would hold a "bilateral meeting as soon as possible".

Thabo Mbeki, a senior member of the ANC executive, told the conference that a multiparty meeting would also be on the agenda of the two leaders. This addresses one of Chief Buthelezi's key complaints, that the future of the ountry must not de semea dy bilateral meetings between the major players, but in a

broader forum. Frank Mdlalose, the national chairman of Inkatha, described the discussions as "thorough, practical and held without rancour", and hoped for a speedy resumption of discussions after each side had

reported back. In Durban, the ANC completed a three-day meeting of its national executive, after which Mr Mandela announced that a channel would be set up between the twogroups to discuss the issues that have been preventing a meeting. Mr Mandela had drawn up a list of precondi-tions two days ago, which virtually amounted to an unconditional surrender by Chief Buthelezi of positions he had

held since the meeting be-

tween the ANC and the government two months ago.

Mr Mandela insisted that

Inkatha chief would have to agree to banning the carrying of cultural weapons and to the fencing of the hostels in the townships which have been a source of conflict. These were agreed between the ANC and the government, but rejected

ment by organising marches through Johannesburg and Durban in which knobkerries, Inkatha members would tear down any fences erected. He said that Mr Mandela's list of preconditions left him "quite

However, it will be up to Mr Mbeki and Jacob Zuma, the

that he had been mandated to call a summit of the signatories to the peace accord, to advance the cause of peace still further. He hoped that it would be called before the end

During its meeting the

general sectretary, said at the end of the meeting that his organisation would do all in their power to ensure that democratic elections took place in South Africa within the next nine to 12 months. "It is possible to achieve this by next year," he said.

Death threat: Eugene

Chief Buthelezi demonstrated his defiance of the agreeassegais and spears were flour-

only Zulu on the ANC executive to negotiate terms for the meeting with Inkatha repre-sentatives that will deal with the preconditions and Chief Buthelezi's list of items which must be on the agenda. No date has been set for the meeting.
Mr Hall also said yesterday

anc executive also endoised the strategy document approved by the national working committee last week. The document envisages a powersharing government of national unity, even after elections for a transitional government have been held. Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC

Terre Blanche, head of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement, told hundreds of supp-

orters in Durban that, if the

ANC tries to confiscate white

farmland in future, Mr

Mandela would be killed. (AP)



Preventive action: a policeman with a shotgun forces his way onto a train carrying ANC militants in the Katlehong township on the outskirts of Johannesburg in an attempt to curb inter-faction violence, but 36 were wounded yesterday, six seriously, in another train attack

Clinton's Senate gamble fails

Victory in Georgia cheers Republicans

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

Wyche Fowler, the Democratic senator, has been narrowly defeated in a Senate run-off in Georgia by Paul Coverdell, the Republican challenger and

former Peace Corps director. Under Georgia law a sec-ond Senate election became necessary when neither candidate won 50 per cent of the vote on November 3. although Mr Fowler gained about 30,000 more votes than his opponent in the first election. In what Democrats were already calling a "cruel irony". in Tuesday's election Mr Coverdell squeaked into the Senate with a majority of just 16,000 out of 1.2 million votes cast, or 51 per cent to 49 per

cent. President-elect Bill Clinton took what some in his party regarded as a gamble by campaigning on behalf of Mr

IN A setback that has taken Fowler in Georgia on Mon- was about one-third of the this election season and said: day. Yesterday Republicans turnout for the presidential "We want change, we want victory as a blow to the incoming administration.

The pro-Republican Washington Times claimed that the Georgia election had caused Bill Clinton to flunk a test of

his own political coar-tails". Mr Clinton made a personal plea to Georgians to re-elect Mr Fowler to help "break this gridlock in Washington", and their refusal to do so is being seen by Republicans as an indication that, while they lost the presidential race, their message is still popular.

Mr Fowler was probably defeated as much by voter apathy and the weather as by a resurgence of Republican support, after a battle which hinged on which side could entice, persuade or cajole more of the election-weary Georgia voters to go to the polls. The vote on Tuesday

inree weeks ago thanks to a combination of driving rain, "election burnout" and the negative tone of

both campaigns.
The Clinton camp denied that the result reflected badly on the president-elect and George Stephanopoulos, the communications director, defended Mr Clinton's decision to support an uncertain, and ultimately losing, candidate. "It sent an important signal." Mr Stephanopoloulos said. "If people fight for Clinton, he will fight for them."

James Carville, who orches-trated Mr Clinton's successful presidential campaign, said: I think that the risk was to do nothing. If you're going to be president, you've got to fight

for something."
Mr Coverdell said his victory was the work of supporters "who stepped forward in

common sense, we want some one in Washington who came from the workplace'."

Mr Coverdell, who was appointed by President Bush to run the Peace Corps in 1989, successfully mobilised Republican suppport in the suburbs of Georgia, while Mr Fowler's traditional Democratic supporters in urban areas apparently proved hard-

A Fowler victory would have enabled the Democrats to add an important extra seat to their majority in the Senate. Democrat Kent Conrad is almost certain to take the place of the late senator. Quentin Burdick, in North Dakota on December 4; this would leave the Democrats with the 57-43 majority they have had for the past two years.

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New group challenges Miyazawa

FROM JOANNA PITMAN

KENICHI Ohmae, Japan's most famous business and management pundit, yesterday launched a new political pressure group designed to trigger a "citizen's revolution" and to end the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) 40year grip on national politics.

Named Heisei Isshin no Kai (Reform of Heisei Group) after the current Heisei era. Mr Ohmae's grassroots organisation hopes to attract a million individual members. Using their 10,000-yen (£50) subscriptions, Mr Ohmae hopes to raise enough money to endorse 50 enlightened MPs from any of the existing parties. "They will eventually form their own party to change this country in the 21st century," he said.
"The current LDP and

opposition socialist party axis is obsolete. Existing parties have completed their role of building up Japan since the war. Unfortunately Japan still has a political system which is suitable for a developing country. We are offering a third, middle-of-the-road choice that will serve the interests of the people rather than the special interests of the current administration," he said.

His ideological platform espouses "people sovereignty", decentralised regional government, market deregulation, an emphasis on Asia-Pacific diplomacy and a new constitution "with global responsibilities". Mr Ohmae is chairman of the Japanese operations of McKinsey and Co, the management consultants, and is well-known in business circles through his prolific author-ship of 40 books in the past 20 years, and his regular television appearances as a management guru. He was named recently as Japan's most influential opinion former.

Few people expect Reform of Heisei to pull off any significant challenge to the well-entrenched LDP, led by Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister. The party has retained power thanks to financial support from big business. But the new group could act as a focus of discontent for younger politicians within the LDP who are prevented from introducing true reforms by their

Sex and inflation end the UN honeymoon in Cambodia

lack of interest. The Greek government had hoped the When they first came to foreign businessman who had been away for six months. United Nations soldiers were "UN personnel are omnipresyacht would fetch £3 million. Mediator dies Miami: Rafael García Herreros, the Colombian priest

who won international fame last year and was nominated for the Nobel peace prize when he acted as mediator in the surrender of Pablo Escobar. the cocaine baron, has died in Bogotá aged 85.

Malta devalues Valletta: Malta has devalued its lira by 10 per cent against all foreign currencies with immediate effect in an effort to keep its exports and tourism competitive, John Dalli, the minister of finance, told the parliament in a budget

debate. (Reuter) Danger flight

Tokyo: A 52-year-old Japanese man is making a dangerous and unauthorised solo anempt to cross the Pacific from Japan to the United States in a box hanging from 26 helium-filled balloons, in defiance of transport ministry

welcomed as liberators. Dozens of Cambodians gathered outside the UN compounds just to gaze at them. "I want to look and look until I have my fill." a man holding his son in his arms said outside an Australian billet.

But as more and more UN blue berets, flush with dollars, have flooded into this warravaged, less than Third World country where the per capita income in barely \$150 (about £100) a year, inflation has run rampant. Inevitably, disillusionment with the UN

attracted by the plentiful lu-cre, are pouring into Cambodia from their own impoverished country and the incidence of venereal disease among some UN troops was described by one UN official as "astounding"; a German field hospital was at one stage

treating 40 cases a day.
"Nothing can prepare you for the UN presence," said a head of the UN Transitional

ent, and many of them don't seem to be doing very much."

True or not, the streets of Phnom Penh, which has a population of one million, are packed with white-painted UN four-wheel drive vehicles. each of which seems to have only one passenger, usually a UN bureaucrat or soldier. In rural areas, UN troops are busy, but hundreds of large off-duty young men in T-

shirts and shorts in the capi-tal have time on their hands. Apart from their salaries, the 22,000 UN personnel are paid subsistence allowances has become apparent. Vietnamese filles de joie. of \$148 a day, so soldiers, often unsophisticated young men from such countries as Poland and Bulgaria, have

money to burn. Both foreign and Cambodian women have complained of sexual harassment, and 167 members of non-government relief agencies (NGOs), have sent an open letter to Yasushi Akashi, the Japanese

Authority in Cambodia (Untac), complaining of a lack of sensitivity to Cambodian culture on the part of some UN troops. "We feel a sense of outrage at the unaccept-Untac personnel," the letter Mr Akashi, 61, did not help matters at a meeting with

representatives of 75 NGOs, not renowned for their sense of humour. He told his horrified listeners that "18-year-old hot-blooded soldiers", who had been enduring bardships in the field, had a right to a few beers and to chase after "young beautiful beings of the opposite sex". In the wake of the predictable outcry. Untac has appointed a community relations officer, a woman, to handle public complaints.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Akashi admitted that some UN troops had been sent home, but defended his speech. "At the time I had to defend our soldiers. The behaviour of a very small minor-

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHINOM PENH perception of Untac as a whole." But much damage has already been done. The World Health Organis-

ation here has reported that 75 per cent of people giving blood in the capital are in-flected with HIV. Whether or not UN soldiers have any-thing to do with that is debatable, but they have been hurriedly issued with condoms and told not to park their UN vehicles outside brothels.

Part of the problem stems from the fact that the UN operation is bogged down Pol Por's Khmer Rouge to participate in the peace process. As a result, thousands of UN troops in Phnom Penh are idle.

"Soldiers coming from a country like Bulgaria, which has not participated in a UN operation before and where the people are very poor, are vulnerable here," one diplomat said. But more sophisticated Western troops are not ity should not colour people's altogether innocent. Two



troops' carousing

British soldiers have already been repatriated, one of them for drunken brawling. In their open letter to Mr

Akashi, the NGOs said that, while foreign women could complain, Cambodians felt intimidated by the UN troops who they originally thought had come to protect them from the warring factions here. "They don't know where to seek help if sexual favours are demanded," one capital.

sentative said. Unlike Vietnam and Thailand, where the sex scene is free-wheeling. Cambodia, even after years of war and Khmer Rouge rule, is still a deeply conservative society. However, it is not only in matters of drinking and sex

that dismay has been provoked. There is also the matter of inflation. The prices of staples like beef, pork and rice have in some cases risen 500 per cent in the past few months. The value of the riel. 600 to the dollar six months ago, is now 2,050 to the dollar. The UN itself claims its

presence has not had such a negative effect on inflation. And Untac has done much good: 181,000 refugees have been repatriated in the past few months, and more than a million voters have been registered for next year's UNsupervised elections.

But the honeymoon between Cambodians and the UN is over, at least in this

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Computerisation and competition are replacing the human — some would say inhuman — face of high street banking. Paul Barker reports

Trouble down at the bank

hen Maureen Jameson started work as a bank God was in his office. The managers all looked like your father. They still came to work in bowler hats and pinstripes."

That was only 30 years ago. Already it seems like some-thing out of John Galsworthy. In the mornings, Mrs Jameson's first job was to clean pen nibs, change the ink, put out clean blotters. "When people sat waiting to see the manager, they talked in whispers." It was like chapel.

Bank managers used to put the fear of God into people: His financial vicar in the high street. Now they are at the receiving end. "There is a great deal of fear, fear of the unknown," says Bryan Turton, a Manchester bank manager on secondment to the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union. At golf clubs, on weekdays, you can't move for them. Once, banks paid subscriptions so that managers could, in Mr Turton's words, "associate with solicitors, businessmen and people like that". Now, the golf is how they fill out their days.

This week, Barclays and the Royal Bank of Scotland both announced plans for further staff cuts. The erosion has gone on relentlessly since boom turned to slump. In 1990, for example, Bardays had 84,500 clerks and managers. Now it has 75,000. A further 15,000 were due to go by 1995. This week the cut-back was increased, to 18,000.

The classic bank manager. in many people's minds, is Arthur Lowe's Captain Mainwaring, from Dad's Army: a man with a face (and body) like a potato, fussing with his glasses, edgy about his social position.

One of the few bank managers in English literature is Roland Gwatkin, in Anthony Powell's semi-autobiographical novel-sequence, A Dance to the Music of Time.

For the paperback of The Valley of Bones, the novel in which Gwatkin first appears, the cartoonist Marc Boxer drew a cover portrait of him. He is a thinner, taller version of Mainwaring, captain's swagger stick under his arm, small moustache, the neb of his officer's cap barely hiding a worried frown. We are in the



Pinstripe soldiers: Arthur Lowe (left), the bank manager turned Home Guard, and John LeMesurier in Dad's Army

presence of a stereotype. Gwatkin was, says Nicholas Jenkins (Powell's alter ego, as an over-age phoney war second lieutenant), "something of a martinet, a trifle unapproachable to his subordinates . above all, a man dedicated to duty". In the company

office, Gwatkin reproduced bank manager routine. As messages came in, marked each item with the date in the inked letters of the company's rubber stamp, himself initialling the centre of its circular mauve impression ... often wryly smiling as he

remarked: It becomes a hab-it." Anything Gwatkin thought confidential went into a large cashbox, of which he kept the key, and stowed in a green steel cupboard, also locked. There was "a faint but distinct sense of absolute

But the bank manager's power base is crumbling. From 2,900 branches in the early 1980s, Barclays today has 2,290. It will be down to 1,900 in 1995. With cash dispensers now installed in virtually every shopping mall, another routine task of a high street bank has dwindled. In 1988, Barclays recruited 12,000 new staff. Last year it took on 1,500. One thing is

> were graduates. Like thousands of others, Mrs Jameson - at 46 one of the very rare women branch managers — came in after O-levels. "I really wanted to join the police. I passed the exam, but they said to wait till I was 18. So I went to the bank. It seemed a nice job. You dealt with the public."

unchanged, though: only 175

be old-style bank manager often rose to power through the tradition of Bug-gins's turn. "As an assistant manager", says Barry Ingham, who retired early from running a Liverpool bank, "you could work out how many years it would be

Once arrived, however, he had some real autonomy. He was supposed to cultivate the right people, and bring their business in. But there was no cold wind of competition. "We didn't worry whether we made a profit," Mrs Jameson recalls. We just assumed we did." Banks did not do mort-

sold an insurance policy, he kept the commission himself. I knew one man who never touched his bank salary." Meanwhile, the manager sang in the local choir, was Hon. Treasurer of the cricket chib, and perhaps joined the police inspector and the bigger shopkeepers in the mysteries of the Masonic lodge. Like many men controlling

even small power-zones, man-agers deluded themselves about how other people saw them. In 1985, Gallup asked respondents which groups they trusted. Bank managers polled well down the list, below solicitors, and level-

pegging with teachers. (Doctors were easily top. Estate agents and MPs came bottorn.) But at least. if a man running a small business went in to the local manager, he felt he was talking to a someone who could take a decision. This is less and less true. Change was pre-cipitated by the Financial Services

Act. 1986. The high street bank became a kind of shop. not a kind of chapel. Even the architecture, the social geography, changed. Once, 80 per cent of floor space was for staff. 20 per cent for customers. Now they are making it open-plan, which is "customerfriendly". In Mr Hampson's words, "It became sell, sell,

The major banks all signed up as distributors for insurance companies," says Jeremy Mitchell, the consumer policy consultant and a former director of the National Consumer. Council. "It changed the manager's status. You should never trust a bank manager now to give you the best advice on insurance. He can only push the products of one company.

"Banks often present themselves, especially in advertising as if the old ethos of closeness the community still held true. The bank manager is shown walking down the high street, saying, 'Hello, Mrs Jones.' This is, increasingly, non-sense. There is no such consumer-contact."

The new style manager is a salesman. "All the talk is of cost-containment," Mr Turton "Once it took 700 to bring in every £1 of business. It's being driven down towards 60p.

At her TSB branch, in Denton, Greater Manchester, Mrs Jameson has sales meetings weekly, and a daily review. "It's all about the organisation and motivation of a sales team," she says. "Go

into Marks & Spencer and you gages. Building societies did not do personal loans. Local see the same thing."
In the first flush of the new managers politely referred cussalesmanship, most high street banks set managers tomers across the road. "In my early days", says Alan Hampson, laid off last year ever-higher "credit targets" loans to press on customers. Notoriously, this went sour. from the Royal Bank of Scotland after 34 years' service at the age of 51, "if a manager "From pillar of the community we've become Public Enemy No i." Mr Hampson says. Now regional managers

wield greater control, through computers. "Customers are credit-scored". Mr Hampson says, "according to your credit cards, your address, whether you're married or single. Then the computer decides. It takes the fun out of lending."

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At more and more high street banks, there isn't a manager. The bank is in a cluster of six or seven, reporting to a single key branch. Specialist managers come out locally by appointment. At the same time, much routine work has been taken off into comtomer service cen-

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Manchester, a

single TSB centre feeds 90

Computers re-

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cal Change, with fewer levels of su-pervision. In a failury, the tabs personally on the work rate. The foreman becomes rate. The following becomes defined. The old-style bank manager is in the same squeeze. He finds himself over-qualified for his expensive) for today's job. "No fancwell parties. They just empty their desks also a bin liner," Mr. Inghain says. Goodbye, Mr Mainfrang. Mr Ingham rhoms the death of the network of loyalty and solitlarity. "You seent into

and solidarity. "You went into it as a job for life," he says. But he admits it could not have carried on, Buggins surm and all. You may even start to get more women managers," he says. Twe never regarded banking as a very masculine occupation. It was more of a gentleman's clob

Women [who make up two-thirds of the staff were only tolerated. They were ex-pected to leave if they got

married or fell pregnant."

"Even now", Mrs Jameson says, "some people walk through the door and say. "Oh dear, a "woman". Others say, "Good, a woman". That all tades away when they talk to you. But I was at a meeting of was the only woman. Rome wasn't built in a day.

"Everything changes," she says. "Once the job was all about adding up columns of figures and ruling lines across pages. The computers do that now. We're a retail outlet, not a temple of doom and gloom. I think it's progress."

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

School Examination Results

For the first time the Government has published tables showing the public examination results. for all maintained secondary schools in England, as promised in the Parent's Charter.

The tables give the results for each school, together with the local and national averages and also include brief details about the type of school listed. Information for independent schools is given if they have chosen to be included.

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Coke, a burning issue

hen General Nor-man Schwarzkopf accepted the Iraqi surrender at the end of the Gulf war, a can of Diet-Pepsi sat next to him on the table,

photographed for all the world to see. As one Coca-Cola ported as saying at the time: "It just didn't look right. It was our place to be on that table. Our right. We are the symbol of America. We represent what America is. We are success in action Ours is the image of international co-operation, a way of

After some years in the cold, the worlds' most popular soft drink has finally re-emerged this week as the world's most popular symbol of American culture. French farmers chose Coca-Cola, 106 years old this year, as the focus of their profest against what they con-sider to be an American-dominated trade deal with the EC, agreed last Friday. On Monday they burnt rubber tyres outside a Coca-Cola plant in the southern Paris suburb of Grigny. A mob set fire to a Coke vending machine at another plant in Besançon. Not since the accusations of Third World "Coca-colanisation" in the 1960s has the multinational company been

under such attack. But have the farmers got it right? Does Coca-Cola really represent America to the rest of the world? What of Mac-Donald's? What of the Stars and Stripes? Peter Stokes, the external affairs director of Coca-Cola UK, is unmoved. We have a demonstrable commitment to each of the 185 countries we operate in. We are very much local in the sense that our operations are locally run," he says. "If any-

The real thing continues to make the news



Protest: French farmers burn a Coke machine

one wants to see us in another ay, on that I can't comment."
In Barcelona this year, Coca-Cola plastered the Olympic village with signs saying: "Drink Coca-Cola" as part of its regular Olympic million dollar sponsorship. Only the signs were in Catalan. Even though few visiting athletes were able to understand them, they tickled the locals' fancy. "A lot of people here would rather see a Coke sign than a Spanish flag," said kiosk owner Josip Guerria, in The Times. So Coke can get it right

But mistakes are made.
Recent attempts to
weave Coke into non-American cultures have brought accusations of cultural imperialism. Last August. Coca-Cola ran a television advertisement in Italy showing the columns of the Parthenon in Athens shaped like a Coke bottle, under the caption:
"A classic drink against thirst". Outraged, the Greek culture minister Melina Mercouri said: "It is a vandalis a vanualism and an insult to the classic masterpiece." Coca-Cola apologised to Greece and withdrew the ad.

It then sponsored the Irish Football Association, a league that included some Protestant teams. An American Catholic

priest, Father Sean McManus, the head of the US-based Irish National Caucus, immediately ac-cused Coca-Cola of anti-Catholic bias. He organised a St Patrick's Day television campaign against Coca-Cola, called for a boycott and put at risk a market of 43 million

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achine dia this year opened its doors to Coke for the first time since 1978. Years of economic protectionism and anti-American sentiment had kept it banned. In the Middle East, sales are rising. Much to pleasure of Pepsi, its arch rival, Coke was banned in Arab states for 23 years because it had a factory in Israel. But, as part of the cooling political climate, the boycott has now been lifted. Coke is now attacking the Arab market with the same vigour with which it earlier courted Israel. When it came off the Jordanian blacklist this June, riots broke out at the only shop in Amman selling Coke For the Arab world, Coke is for drinking and flags are for burning.

The real point is that Coca-Cola is not American, but international Like many multinational companies, the more it sells abroad, the more it is owned abroad, so much so that "abroad" becomes rather meaningless. In France, Coca-Cola is almost 100 per cent locally produced, except, of course, for that secret magic ingredient, which is imported from the United States.

JAMES LANDALE

Hoarse in Guildhall

THE Queen struggled with her voice at Guildhall but it sounded as if it might degenerate beyond hoarse-ness and either lapse into a near-soundless whisper (aphonia) or produce the un-

natural squeaks of an adolescent. The Queen had laryngitis, in her case due to a combination of a upper respi-ratory tract infection and the effects of the inhalation of the irritant, smoke-laden Windsor air. It would be expected that the Oueen, like a doctor. would see so many people that

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she would acquire a considerable resistance to infection. But stress, strain and unhappiness such as would be generated by an "annus horribilis" together with the Windsor damp would make any patient more vulnerable to infection.

In laryngitis the mucosa of the larynx and the laryngial cords are red and swollen, so that the cords do not vibrate as they should, hence the change in voice quality. It is hard work speaking with a hoarse voice, and the tiny muscles which are attached to the now-heavy laryngial cords soon tire, so that the more the patient has to speak the worse the voice becomes.

Foot and heart disease

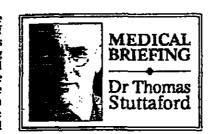
THE National Trust is renovating the Norfolk romb of the second Earl of Buckinghamshire who had, at various times, been ambassador to St Petersburg and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord Buckinghamshire met an unfortunate end 200 years ago when, aged 70, he plunged his gouty foot into cold water in an attempt to relieve the pain. He promptly died, a death always attributed

by historians to gout.

Gout is associated with coronary heart disease in men but not, surprisingly, in women, and the sudden immersion of a limb into cold water is known to be almost as good a way as the treadmill, or exercise bicycle, of demonstrating coro-nary arterial disease. Lord Buckingham-shire, in fact, died of a heart attack, and only indirectly of gout.

In gout there are recurrent acute attacks of arthritis which follow the deposition of crystals of monosodium urates from the blood and other body fluids into the joints, or around the tendons and joint spaces.

Gout is very rare in men before puberty, or women before the meno-pause. The first attack of gout in men— it is eight times more common in men than women - usually occurs between the ages of 30 and 60 and is most often confined to one joint, in 70 per cent of



cases the big toe joint. The frequency with which the big toe joint is initially attacked makes it easy to overlook the diagnosis when it occurs in other joints, but any joint even the neck or pelvic joints, can be affected, and in particular the ankles, knees, wrists or elbows.

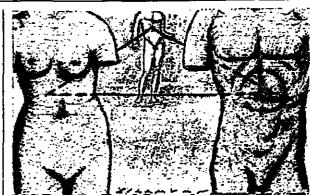
Many people with minor attacks of gout may notice only some transitory pain in the small joints of their hands and feet; gout has a tendency to attack joints already damaged by some other cause. Patients may have had raised serum uric acid blood levels (the marker for gout) for many years before develop-ing joint pains. When the joints are involved they become hot and swollen and the acute condition may take up to a few weeks to get better. In time the repeated attacks are followed by joint damage and by persistent arthritis. Gout is now a largely preventable

disease. Once the acute symptoms have been treated with either colchicine, which is potentially toxic, or an antirheumatic drug, and the acute attack has been dealt with, then long-term prophy-lactic treatment with allopurinol, which lowers the blood uric acid levels, can be started. Initially allopurinol may precipitate an acute attack so it is as well to combine it for a month or two with an

anti-rheumatic drug.
Twenty per cent of patients with gout develop kidney stones, while kidney disease and hypertension are frequent complications of the untreated disease. There is an association with both diabetes, and as in Lord Buckinghamshire's case, heart disease. Obesity and heavy drinking may precipitate attacks in susceptible people, particularly if the drinking follows a period of starvation. Nothing could be more unwise than for man with a tendency to gout to go without lunch, and then to have a few

drinks on the way home.

In the past, heavy drinkers — and Lord Buckinghamshire must have drunk for Britain in the embassies of the world - had an additional hazard. Wine stored in old-fashioned wine bottles became contaminated by lead, and lead poisoning from wine was a frequent cause of gout in earlier centuries.



Dividing to multiply

NATURE is generous with its provision of essential organs: men reproduce without trouble with one testis, people live unimpaired lives with one kidney and can damage a large portion of their liver without going into liver failure. The liver, thanks to a very special growth hormone, has a great ability to regenerate. The liver transplant team in Birmingham, operating at the Children's Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, have made full use of this when they divided one liver

for transplantation into two terminally ill patients.

Both patients were in deep coma, and needed ventilation, sugar therapy and sedation to control the cerebral damage. The liver, which had been flown down from Glasgow, was divided according to the size of the recipients; a girl aged three-and-a-half and a man in his twenties. The first portion was implanted into the child, the second taken in a cool-box to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. If all goes well it will be the first entirely plant in Britain. The patients should later have a normal sized, normal functioning, if not normal shaped, liver.

Liz Gill reports on the controversy surrounding 'do it yourself' abortion, an American idea that British doctors say should not be welcomed here

backstreet abortionist has rightly haunted generations of women. But what if a woman could terminate an unwanted pregancy in the comfort of her

own bedroom?

What if the abortionist were not the hag with the knitting needle, but a group of skilled and supportive friends? Would that be an enlightened new way to solve an age-old

About 2,000 American women believe so: they are members of self-help groups who practice the technique of menstrual extraction on each other (see box below).
This week A Woman's Book

Choices, by Rebecca Chalker and Carol Downer, which details the theory and practice of the technique, is published in this country. The book is geared to the American situation, but the procedure has worldwide application. It is relevant wherever women need and cannot get abortions," Ms Chalker says.

"Legality is not the same as accessibility. The situation is already difficult in the States, and it is going to get more have really bailed out. Abortion is not profitable, and it brings a lot of harassment."

Ms Chalker, an abortion counsellor and health writer, believes that menstrual extraction, which suctions out the contents of the uterus, is both safe and effective. "But it does need skill and training. The way it usually happens is that a group studies the subject in about anatomy, examination and the sterilisation of equipment - and then find someone to teach them the technique. Some doctors and nurses are prepared to pass on their knowledge. The practitioner needs an apprentice-ship of six months to a year, with guidance and

Doctors learn menstrual extraction as part of specialist gynaecological training. The most common use of the technique is the insertion of inter-uterine devices - only then something is put into the womb, not drawn out — but the procedure may also be used diagnostically in dealing with, for example, menstrual problems where a sample of the endometrium is needed.

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Ms Chalker claims that this is not "incredibly complicated stuff. We are not talking about heart surgery. This is some-thing similar in difficulty to, say, self-catheterisation which

Is this a case of self-help gone too far?

is often taught to people, including children, whose bladders are not working."

Extraction, she says, is only appropriate from around the time a period is due, to a couple of weeks after. "A lot of women know they have had unprotected intercourse or there might have been a contraceptive failure. It is also possible to use a pregnancy test which will give a result on the day a period is due."

Some groups confine the procedure, which takes an average of half an hour and requires no drugs, to themselves; others believe it is a service they should offer to outsiders in need. To date its use has not prompted any legal action. "Women who do menstrual extraction believe it is legal because they're not attempting a medical diagnosis of pregnancy," Ms Chalker says. "They are using it pro-phylactically or they just wanted to get their period. They maintain it is a home healthcare procedure which they have a right to employ."

The authors insist their book is not an abortion handbook. it does, however, contain enough detail for a reader to work out the technique and assemble the necessary equipment. "We felt we had to put in the detail so that women could make informed choices but this is in no way a DIY manual. All the groups we know have had to seek out someone to demonstrate what

уоц do. "One could not perform it on one's self anyway, partly because of the position of the uterus and partly because one cannot get hold of the equipment overnight. Desperate women want an abortion yesterday. They are the ones who will go to the back street

British experts appear unconvinced of the merits of menstrual extraction. Dr Fleur Fisher, the head of ethics,

science and information at the British Medical Association, points out that its practice areas to get early terminations on the health service. Of the 179,000 a year only 65,000 would be illegal in this country: only doctors are allowed to perform abortions. She thinks it is still a backward step even in the legally grey area of using it when a pregnancy has not been confirmed.

What you're asking women to do is put each other at risk. Introducing anything into the

'I understand women want to take control of their bodies, but this is an over-reaction, this is fetishising

uterus is very hazardous. There has to be a very high degree of asepsis to avoid infection. Septicaemia can be fatal. There is also the danger of persistent low-grade infection which might not even be noticeable, but which can lead tubal damage and infertility.

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"The womb becomes soft in pregnancy and it is possible to puncture it. This is less likely with a cannula (the flexible thin plastic tube used in extraction], but it is still a possibility." Dr Fisher, who had a friend

who died after a self-induced abortion, believes womens' energies would be better spent pressing for improvement in the existing facilities and the further development of medicai as well as surgical solutions. "Abortion is legal here, but it is still difficult in many

were done in the first nine weeks and of those only 35 per cent were NHS." Ian Jones, the director of the

British Pregnancy Advisory Service, says that unlike America the legal status of abortion in Britain is likely to be secure for the forseeable future. Women here have access to good care. I understand the principle of self determination and I can see merit in women having the power to make decisions for themselves but

they largely have that power within the law already. I don't think we need recourse to self help groups.
The other thing that concerns me is that various studies have shown that complications or side effects are more likely when the abortion is in inexperienced hands. That difference is shown even between clinics which do them all the time and NHS hospitals

which don't do so many, so it would be even more pro-nounced in these self-help groups. How are they going to gain that wide experience?" Ann Furedi, the assistant director of the Birth Control Trust, an information resource centre, says: "I don't think menstrual extraction is a positive thing at all. At best it's pretty useless. This is not reclaiming our bodies. I don't think a significant proportion of women want to take abor-

more than they want to drill their own teeth. What they want is to go and see someone medically qualified in whom they have confidence. "One of the reasons menstrual extraction has not taken off as a method of abortion generally is that it has to be done early when it is possible to induce bleeding but miss the pregnancy. It is hard

before six weeks to be sure you

have effected a complete abor-

tion into their own hands any

tion. The danger would be that women think they are no

longer pregnant when in fact they still are. "But my real objection is that if people think the abortion service is under pressure what they have to do is galvanise their forces to fight for a better one. Anything that smacks of doing it ourselves is dangerous because it lets the NHS off the hook."

Joe Jordan, a spokesman for the Royal College of Obstetri-cians and Gynaecologists, says: "The procedure is pretty straightforward and safe if you are properly trained but we would have grave reservations about it being done by unskilled hands.

There may be some psy-chological benefits for women who fear they may be pregnant but don't know for sure. If they can convince themselves they might not really have been pregnant they might feel less guilty or dis-tressed. But it could also have the opposite effect. At least abortion is a conscious decision. If you never know whether you were or were not pregnant you could brood about it later, especially if you have fertility problems."

or her part, Tara Kaufmann, the coauthor of Unplanned Pregnancy and a member of the Abortion Law Reform Association's executive, does not believe any such groups exist in this country. It's an American reaction to an American problem and I don't know anyone who thinks it's a good idea for us.
"I would like to see abortion

de-medicalised to some extent. Hospitals make a bit of a meal of it at the moment, you have to see two or three doctors for instance, and there should be more done in local day care centres. I understand that women want to take control of their bodies but this is a bit of an over reaction, this is fetishising control.

"I don't think it helps women just to have it done on spec and not to know whether they are pregnant. The procedure of abortion is not the crisis, the crisis is the unplanned pregnancy, whether confirmed or not. In my experience it is important for women to know what's going on and to make their choice. Sometimes the more real an abortion feels, the better the recovery.

■ A Woman's Book of Choices by Rebecca Chalker and Carol Downer is published today by Four Walls Eight Windows (£8.95).

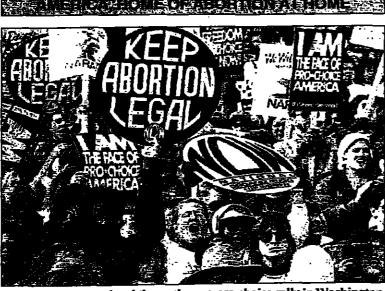
lternative, underground abor-tions, which include home menstrual extraction, use of ancient herbal potions and smuggled RU486 pills are being increasingly promoted by some women's groups in America.

When Roe v Wade, the court case which protected abortion, came under threat from the right-wing of the Republican party and fundamentalist Christians in the last few years, there was a concomitant rise in self-help advice. Women toured feminist centres in all states and taught others to perform menstrual extractions with a kit made from items including a jar, plastic tubing and a large syringe.

The technique of home menstrual extraction was invented by a San Diego primary school teacher, Lorraine Rothman, in 1971. She suggested women should not try it as a do ityourself operation, but it should be performed by a group of women who had been trained in the method. Despite the new Clinton adminis-

tration's support of abortion rights, certain states have laws which make getting an abortion so complicated it is often easier to go outside the area for help. One Quaker women's group has arranged an "underground railroad" to transport women to stafes where abortion is more accessible.

Carol Downer, the founder of the Federation of Feminist Health Centres, has toured 70 women's centres countrywide explaining menstrual extraction. She is the co-author, with



But some are more legal than others: a pro-choice rally in Washington

of Choices, which was published in America in September. She says the method has been tested by more than 10,000 women since 1971, during which time there have been a dozen reported cases of infection — similar to medical abortion - but no deaths. Ms Downer says extraction, usually done within two or three weeks of missing a period, is "a safety net" and

Rebecca Chalker, of A Woman's Book not a first choice if medical abortion is easily available. Others advocate extraction for those who are not preg-nant but wish to get rid of an inconvenient period. The upper limit for performing extraction of the contents of the uterus is eight weeks of pregnancy, and American doctors. while warning against operations carried out at home, do say they are often used in developing countries.

At a women's group meeting in New York last month, Ms Downer told Newsday, a daily newspaper, that as abortion becomes increasingly inaccessible in rural areas, "we have decided to take things into our own hands. We have to empower ourselves so we do not have to go back to the bad

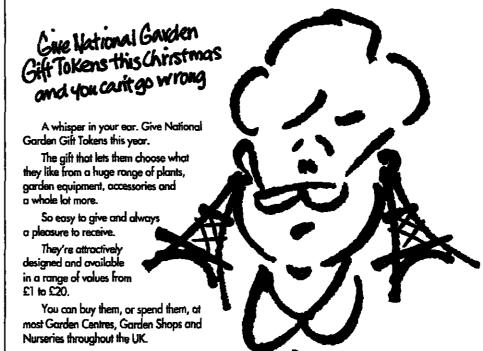
old days."
Planned Parenthood, the mainstream abortion rights advocate, strongly opposes menstrual extraction, primarily because there have been no documented medical trials and lay people would not know what to do in an emergency.

Planned Parenthood would rather

the self-help groups campaigned for better access to abortion. After all, the sort of women attending feminist groups in cities are likely to be middle class, educated and quite capable of finding and financing a legitimate hospital abortion. Ms Downer is now trying to reach poorer and rural areas with her lectures, encouraging clan-destine extractions in women's living rooms and kitchens.

The home abortion moment is moving according to need. Approved clinics and doctors providing abortions dropped by 11 per cent in the six years before 1988, but in rural areas the loss was 51 per cent. Now, nearly one third of American women live in counties where medical abortion is not

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The French political system is perilously biased towards the countryside, says Charles Bremner Politics of the peasantry rance likes to think of itself

Philip

■ The Queen, despite an annus horribilis, should get on with the business of life

ife is divided into the horrible and the miserable. Annus horribilis is a regal way of putting it. Private emotion expressed publicly, except by show-off enthusiasts and nutters who enjoy the public confession of sins, is best left by the shy in the obscurity of a learned language, as the Queen did in her Guildhall speech. It was full of coded references. The Sun translated her phrase into the demotic, "One's burn year", for those of its readers without enough Latin to work out that Caput tuum in ano est means "You hit the nail right on the head".

Pedants could argue about Her Majesty's Latin. Horribilis comes from horrere, to bristle, and hence figuratively to shudder with horror. But the more elegant Latin word would be the gerundive, horrendus. It is true that Cicero wrote about a horribilis public pestilence (referring to a politically incorrect guy). But he also used horribilis to mean astonishing, as in a horribilis or

The Oueen's quotation was adapted from Dryden's Annus Mirabilis, his early poem in bouncing quatrains referring to the year 1665-6, and dealing with English victories over the Dutch at sea, and then, for the last third, with the Great Fire of London. Dryden, who probably wrote the poem at Charlton in Wiltshire, where he lived during the plague and fire years, invented the phrase of his title. He was a goodish Latinist, at any rate for a Trinity (Cambridge) scholar, and I cannot find annus mirabilis anywhere in the ancient authorities.

The happy phrase of annus mirabilis was nicked at once by Evelyn, Lord Chesterfield and others, who could recognise something worth plagiarising even if it was only whispered. In the 18th century hacks started to use the converse and not at all golden Latin cliché of *annus horribilis*. It has now become a cliché of pretentious journalists who wish to flaunt their supposed scholarship, though the Daily Mail was anachronistic by more than two centuries to suggest that it was invented by The Times.

ut more interesting than the Queen's Latin semantics is her common superstition. The notion that a horrible time comes measured out in tidy periods like years is deeply engrained in human nature. You can find it in the oldest proverbs in English, from "It never rains but it pours" to "If your luck goes on at this rate you may very well hope to be hanged." Bad horrible number of threes. King Claudius made the point, with more justification than most, after the killing of his prime minister, his stepson sent into exile for alarming behaviour such as stabbing prime ministers behind arrases. Ophelia flipped, the public opinion polls thick and unwholesome (so what else is new?), and Laertes back from France causing trouble and calling for a general election: "When sorrows come, they come not single spies/But in battalions."

In the catalogue of human misery, some years have indeed turned out comparatively scaly. 69AD was not a lot of fun for the Establishment, with four emperors of the civilised world in turn elevated to the purple and then zapped. Their black historian was not kidding when he introduced his piece: "I approach a theme rich in disasters and horrible with battles." He knew what sells papers. Most people hardly noticed.

1066 was an annus horribilis for Anglo-Saxons, but pretty damned mirabilis if you were a Norman. Those who were around at the time speak of la douceur de la vie before the horrible year of 1914, after which nothing was ever the same again.

Pessimism, when you get used to it, is as agreeable as optimism. The thing to do, dear Queen, is kick the old annus horribilis and black dog in its superstitious tender parts. and get on with the untidy business of life.

as the cutting edge of new technology. The claim to modernity is well enough founded. You only have to think of those symbols of prowess, its cars, the TGV high-speed trains, the Minitel home data system, and those successful French-led projects, the Ariane rocket and the Airbus. Unemployment is high and rising, but life is still far better in France than most other countries. It continues to enjoy the highest growth rate of the industrialised powers and it clocked up another trade surplus

France is the world's second farm power but its food exports account for only 16 per cent of the total. So why is the whole country, from the Paris intellectual to the normally irascible man in the corner cafe, ready to sympathise when squadrons of farmers descend on their town centres, as they did in Paris and elswhere yesterday, wreaking havoc on property and the country's economic life? Why is every politician, from Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, downwards, so quick to sign on, publicly at least, to the belief that France's very existence is threatened by a US-inspired agricultural plot abetted by the nefarious anglais.

The answer can be summed up as "la crise". This is shorthand for the cocktail of economic slow-down, atrophying institutions, discredited government, social malaise and fear of the

future which has erupted so visibly this year, from the lorry drivers in the summer through the psychodrama of the referendum on the Maastricht treaty to the bloody-minded strikes all last week by the drivers of the Paris Le Gatt, as menacing an

English acronym as you could find, has touched the rawest of national nerves at the worst time President Mitterrand put it in a moment of reflection last week, to a mood of désarroi (helplessness), anxiety and doubt. Privately some politicians con-

cede that rural reform is incluctable, that the shake-up in the Common Agricultural Policy this year was a realistic measure which would preserve the livelihoods of the maximum number of small farmers and, bitter as it is, that the Gatt farm agreement

broader national interest Liberation, the bible of the leftleaning, younger urban classes took a solitary leap in this direction yesterday, pointing out that the rhetoric in defence of French agriculture was stuffed with fallacy and falsehood. Such thoughts, however, are regarded

The farmers, egged on by the Gaullist and centrist opposition. have whipped up a mood of exaltation and patriotic fury. The argument may be a murky and technical one about oilseed acreage and export subsidies, but the magery, flashing through television news and spilling with the burning straw bales onto city squares, is utterly emotional. The soul of France is its land, the argument goes. "Sacrifice" les agriculteurs, as the CAP reform and Gatt are said to be trying to do, and you destroy the fabric of rural life, the villages and the cherished landscape and replace it with US-dictated fallow or the industrialised "deserts" which have been inflicted on the farm-

land of America's mid-west. Two millennia of national

character sit on the tractor with François Marchand, an Anvergne peasant, as he tells reporters: "Since the days of Vercingetorix and perhaps before that, we have never done anything else but work the land." The myth of the plucky Gaullish resistant, more the cartoon Asterix than historical reality. has surged into the national consciousness in the Gatt drama.

uch of France is ignoring the opposition of all the other Community partners and blaming the Anglo-Saxons who are felt to have been responsible for the loss of grandeur over the past two decades. The Hundred Years War and the humiliation of the last war rather than the realities of the Community farm negotiation explain why the Union flag was being so eagerly burns around France this week and why the farm union proclaimed war on British lorries and not German ones.

The argument has such resonance because the French really are closer to the soil than most other West Europeans. Gener-ous CAP subsidy has enabled well over a million to keep farming, far more than in any comparable state. But the bond is strengthened politically by the tradition which sees so many ministers and senior politicians also serve as provincial mayors. In addition the parliamentary upper house, the Senate, is dominated by rural constituencies and acts as the voice of the countryside. '

A stronger government in healthier times might have braved unpopularity and stood up to the latest coup de colere by the paysairs, but the Socialists, crippled with a loss of authority, are eking out what most see as their final months before elections in March. They chose to run with the peasant tide. A change of government is unlikely to provide much relief or firm new leadership since France will still be led by its Socialist presi-dent for another two years, unless M Mitterrand changes his mind about staying in the office he has held since 1981. or

He is now talking in his delphic fashion about modifying the constitution of the Fifth Republic to end the potential for debilitating conflict between weak parliaments and the mo-narchical chief executive, but no one is holding their breath for action. History shows that it usually takes a violent national trauma to force serious constitutional change on the French

ALL THE REAL PROPERTY.

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The threat yesterday of a Community veto may precipitate a European crisis, blowing away the remains of Maastricht, but the inside betting is still that the allowed to run its course while the government plays for time and presses its partners for concessions to soften the blow to

Resigned to defeat, ministers are looking forward to passing the unloved Gatt baby to their successors in March. Since M Mitterrand wants to go down in history as one of the architects of to see him resorting to the never-used and ultimate community weapon of a veto. In the meantime, the tractor offensive and ture have at least had the beneficial effect of rallying the country behind a rare common

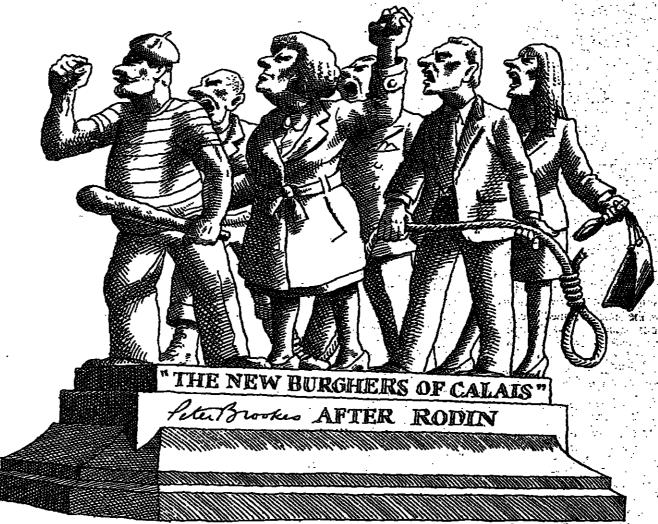
The evil power of rumour

f, said Voltaire, I towers of Notre Dame, I would make a bolt for it at once. Wise man, for my story today (the details are from The New York Times) reinforces his wisdom. It begins in Calais, a month or two ago. One day, a child came home from school and said that a man had been taking photographs in the vicini-ty. That was true; a municipal surveyor had been taking visual notes for a proposed alteration to the buildings in the area. That, I say, was true; in what followed there was not the slightest element of truth to be found, in any form, by any person, at any time. Which is comforting, because what was believed was that scores of children from the local school had been pornographically photographed and abducted, and had thereafter been variously raped, beheaded or eviscerated, or even suffered two or more

of these uncomfortable fates. From the innocent local council employee on a job with a camera, there was an almost immediate quantum leap to the belief that a sinister darkskinned figure had been enticing children and taking lewd photo-graphs of them. On the same day, the headmaster of the school was called to the door of it, to find an angry crowd of 20 parents. who had taken another and greater quantum leap, saying that throat-cutting, too, was now rife. No evidence of any kind was offered, though the conviction of the now raging parents was

few hours and some slit throats later the next quantum was reached: a culprit, Christophe Beddeleem. He was indeed dark-skinned and even pockmarked: he had a record of drugtaking and petty crime, though he had been cured of the drughabit and had come to the area from elsewhere to live with his mother and put all that behind him. No matter; a culprit had been found, and the next stop was dearly a lynching; he fled the neighbourhood and went

into hiding.
In an attempt to stem the tide of madness, the local paper pointed out that the police had found no evidence of any wrongdoing, whether by the scapegoat or anyone else. No child was missing; none had been abused; no pornographic pictures had been seen by anyone. NevertheSociety's tendency to jump to false conclusions can unleash the most destructive side of human nature, writes Bernard Levin



less, when the headmaster of the school arrived next day, he found a crowd not of 20 but of 200, some of them equipped with megaphones, and to the substantial variety of infanticidal practices already logged, burning alive had been added.

Gradually, this folie en masse died down; presumably the slit throats had been stitched up, the stomachs of the eviscerated victims carefully put back, the missing heads replaced from the local hospital's headbank, and all was peace again — except for the chosen scapegoat. M Beddeleem, who is still in

And that is where I come in. For I, when I read about the massacre of the innocents. leaped back 23 years in my

mind, and remembered a story that marches, step by step, beside the story of the Calais rumours. In May 1969, in Orleans, a

whisper began to run through the town; its substance was that there was white-slave traffic going on. The method used was simple: young women going into dress-shops were shepherded into the fitting-cubicles and there drugged by injections. They were kept, unconscious, in the shops' cellars till night came, when they were snuggled out and sent abroad to be captive prostitutes.

The rumour began with one, specified, dress-shop, called Dorphée. It was well known in the town, and had a high reputation for its wares; it had a fitting-room, at the back of the shop, and a basement. The first

rumour was that two women had been found by the police, drugged, in the basement of Dorphée; they had been taken to hospital, where they regained

The rumour ran through the town like a mad bull; within a few days Dorphée had been joined by Boutique de Sheila, Alexandrine, Feiix, Le Petit Benefice, and D.D., all engaging in this dreadful trade. And all six of the shops were owned by Jews.

nlike Calais, the local newspaper decided not to publish anything about the story. on the ground that publicity about it would spread it further and more rapidly, but like Ca-lais, the police investigated the

numour and found no evidence of any such goings-on. Again like Calais, no one was reported missing, whether in sinister or explainable circumstances. The Public Prosecutor, too, looked into the story, and naturally

found nothing amiss.

Nevertheless, just like Calais, the rumour went into full metastasis; it was claimed that the six shops running the terrible busi-ness were linked by under-ground tunnels (though some of the shops were several hundred yards away from any other), which ultimately ended in the Loire, where boats were waiting nightly to load their human cargo. The next wave was inevitable; since the police, the press, the town Prefect and all the authorities were saying and doing nothing, it was apparent that they had all been bribed. And who had bribed them? Why,

shops, it was touch and go - one convincing shout, one brick, one grom. But meanwhile, the forces of reason had at last begun the cial papers broke the story under, respectively, the headlines "An Odious Calumny" and "A Campaign of Defamation", and Paris woke up to what was happening. whereupon Le Monde, L'Aurore, L'Express and Le Nouvel Observateur gave the story appropriate coverage. The Bishop this "odious cabal"; the political parties denounced the campaign: Jewish and inter-faith organisations took up the cud-gels; and, as you would expect of a university, the university ran away and hid.

The greatest conviction of human beings is their belief that they guide themselves and their actions not by impulse, dreams, omens, hunches, guesspeople, but by reason. This dreadful absurdity has ruined countiess millions, and made many billions unhappy, without making even the slightest dent in the original belief. ("Depend upon it", said Shaw, "if Macbeth had killed Macduff, he would have gone back to the witches next day for advice on how to deal with Malcolm.")

The madnesses of Calais and Orleans demonstrate plainly that reason has no place in the human heart, and precious little in the human head; it is astonishing that, over the centuries, we have never shaken off the delusion. It was, after all, the human race which thought up the notion "No smoke without fire", and until the human race ceases to believe it we shall continue to see episodes like those in Calais and Orleans. It is happily true that neither in the Calais frenzy or the Orleans are en-ciel was anyone hurt, let alone killed. But a very great number of people were killed in Auschwitz, their deaths having been ordered by a system based on the most thorough and logical premises, steeped in impeccable reason.

"Think it possible", said Cromwell, "you may be mistak-en." Possible? Possible?

rough ride. You only get paid if you turn up and for some it's a long way

● THE best wine waiter in the world is British. Well, ish. Gérard

Basset, who won the Grand Prix

Sopera at the Grand Hotel, Paris,

on Monday night, used to be French until he visited Britain nine

years ago to watch Toulouse's football team in action on British turf.

A chef at the time, he fell in love

with England and stayed. He now

works in a Hampshire hotel and

has become a British citizen. The

runner-up. France's Eric Beau-

mard, is said to be "gutted".

Clarke of the course

IT IS AMAZING what you find when you clean out the attic as Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the treasury, knows only too well. Dorrell has just trawled the recesses of Whitehall in a search for prime targets for privatisation and has come up with some unlikely

In the equivalent of the Renoir in the attic, he has discovered that the government owns three of Britain's best known racecourses, plus Aldergrove airport on the outskirts of Belfast. No one is more astonished than Kenneth Clarke, now the proud owner of Epsom, home to the Derby, Sandown Park and Kempton Park

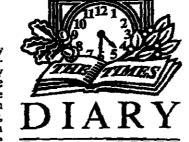
Dorrell's disclosure that the Home Office was in the racecourse business caught the department off guard. "I bet you were not as surprised as we were when we heard." said a spokesman. "Which ones do we own? Good question. I haven't a clue."

The government has owned the freeholds of the race tracks since the early 1960s. The Levy Board bought them to preserve racing on the sites after a public outcry greeted the sale of Hurst Park racecourse to housing developers in

1963. The courses are run by United Racecourses, a whollyowned subsidiary of the Levy Board, which is itself a Home Office creation. Any profits are ploughed back into racing. Tim Neligan, the managing director, was surprised that Clarke was in the dark. "I can remember Willie Whitelaw and Kenneth Baker visiting the courses. Perhaps I should have mentioned that they owned the place."

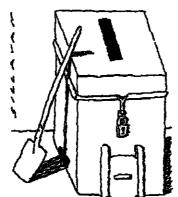
Dorrell's mission to identify potential areas for contracting out has already been dubbed "the long march through Whitehall". Tipped as a future chancellor, he is believed to be considering an auction of his new-found haul, a prospect which horrifies the racing world.

John Francome, seven times champion National Hunt jockey, was as astonished as the home secretary to hear that the government owned the racecourses. "I had no idea. I haven't seen many home secretaries at the races lately." But he is unconcerned about a possible change of ownership: "As long as it stays for racing I don't think the average punter will care whether the home secretary owns



For peat's sake

MORE dastardly tales from the Irish election. The director of elections for Fine Gael in North Tipperary has made an official protest to the Fianna Fail director of elec-



tions. He is alleging that a Thurles coal merchant spent election day promising free coal and peat briquettes in return for a vote for Fianna Fail candidate Michael O'Kennedy. Rumours that those in North Tipperary with gas-fired central heating are protesting over the injustice are untrue.

• ITN's recently published The Royal Year 1992 shows just how horribilis the royal annus was. Endless glossy pictures show the Queen, the Princess of Wales and the Princess Royal in designer frocks suffering interminable polo matches, trips to the races, film premieres and opera performances. Not to mention those trying trips to Canada, Kuwait, Seville, Pakistan, India, Egypt and of course the

A'leaping

THE House of Lords, portrayed as a toothless institution by the volatile columnist Paul Johnson in an article in The Spectator, is biting back. Peers are spitting tacks over Johnson's suggestion that Baroness Thatcher dispensed life peerages like confetti and that the job is a cushy number involving little work and less expense.

Johnson, who is calling for the abolition of the Lords, maintains



● Poor John Whittingdale (centre), torn between two leaders. The Tory MP for South Colchester and Maldon was formerly Baroness Thatcher's political secretary. Writing in The House Magazine he says optimistically: "I have never seen any contradiction in being a Majorite and a Thatcherite." Lady Thatcher may not agree. When Whittingdale abstained in the Maastricht vote she is said to have raged: "The trouble with you, John, is that your spine does not reach your brain."

that Lady Thatcher created "well over 600 life peers" and that the post is a "very different matter than in Pitt's day. Today it is a handsome uncontributory pension for

The piece, "Confessions of someone who has rediscovered his radicalism", has incensed Lord Our-



Ewing. "For a start his figures are

completely wrong. Margaret Thatcher created 187 life peers, not

600. In Harold Wilson's eight

years as prime minister he created 225. I hope Paul Johnson's new-found radicalism is not founded on

these dodgy figures."

The Lords, he says, "often get a

Charter fight DIFFICULT to imagine anyone

owning up to having had the idea for the citizen's charter, let alone fighting over it, but a spat has broken out over who invented John Major's big idea. The Adam Smith institute and the Institute for Economic Affairs have vied for the title in the past. Others insist the idea emanated from America. David Osborne and Ted Gabler, authors of the book Reinventing Govern-ment, have been credited with the concept. But the idea is Major's, with a lot of help from Sarah Hogg, the head of the Downing Street policy unit. And that's official.

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CITIZEN'S CANE

The public sector still has a lot to learn from the private

Even Mussolini was given grudging credit. for draining the Pontine marshes and for making the trains run on time. Punctual public transport, like motherhood, wins instant popularity with voters. Most of the aims of the citizen's charter are equally desirable: who would argue with prompter medical treatment or Saturday evening driving tests? What is more questionable, though, is whether the charter will actually be able to achieve its ends.

Yesterday William Waldegrave, public service minister, reported on progress to date. The fact that politicians are even taking seriously the improvement of public services is in itself heartening. Under Baroness
Thatcher the panacea for all public-sector ills was assumed to be privatisation. Many warned at the time that a private-sector monopoly would have no greater regard for its customers than a public-sector monopoly, even if it might make more money. They were proved right.

What John Major has recognised is that the incentives and deterrents of the marketplace need to be replicated for monopoly providers of services, whether they are stateowned or privatised. If customers cannot threaten to take their custom elsewhere, instead they have to be allocated rights which the service has a duty to meet. These rights may start with simple matters such as being treated courteously and quickly by a named official. They can escalate to the right to certain standards of service delivery.

But that is where the enforcement mechanism becomes difficult. Ensuring that officials are polite and wear name badges is virtually costless. Ensuring that a train runs on time is another matter. British Rail may now publish punctuality and reliability targets and its performance against these targets, but yesterday's report admits that some targets are still not being met. The government might attribute this to poor management; BR would undoubtedly cite underinvestment. Arguments about improving service inevitably come down to arguments about money.

One way to ensure that management is as good as it can be (and therefore that any shortfall in service really is down to lack of cash) is to make individuals responsible for improving their part of the service. Performance-related pay, now in place for 500,000 civil servants, is a start, though to work it must account for a sizeable percentage of their pay packet. But incentives are not enough; deterrents are needed too.

As anyone who works in the private sector knows, the most effective deterrent to doing a poor job is fear of demotion or, at worst, the sack. That fear is rarely present in the minds of public officials. But if Mr Waldegrave really is to replicate the disciplines of the marketplace within the public sector, job security cannot be taken for granted.

At a corporate level, he is already introducing such a deterrent. The government plans to "market-test" nearly £1.5 billion worth of central government activity next year that is, to put services out to tender. This will be the reverse of the citizen's charter: the government will be the customer of private-sector companies, who will risk losing their contracts if their services are not up to scratch. But tendering should not be seen as a substitute for greater discipline in public-sector management. It ought to save the taxpayer money, but it will not in itself improve services to the citizen.

These will only get better through constant and grinding application of political will from the top and its percolation down through layers of civil-service management. The occasional official must lose his or her job. Others must be suitably rewarded. The main discipline that has to be imported from the private sector is whatever is needed to keep public servants on their toes.

CLINTON'S FIRST TEST

Homosexuals should be allowed to serve their country

The narrow defeat of Senator Wyche Fowler in a run-off election in Georgia is an early and unexpected blow to President-elect Bill Clinton, who campaigned vigorously for his fellow Democrat. Republicans are already trumpeting this as proof that it was their candidate, not their message, that lost the presidential election. Mr Clinton invested much of his own political authority in Georgia's campaign. Already he is being accused, even before taking office, of backing away from his campaign promises, especially those to his liberal supporters.

No issue has brought this into more contentious focus than the case of Petty Officer Keith Meinhold. The 30-year-old naval sonar crew instructor was abruptly that he was a homosexual. The navy offered no evidence that he had behaved improperly; the admission alone was sufficient grounds for throwing him out. Mr Meinhold went to court and was reinstated, with the judge accusing the Pentagon of "military dictatorship". The navy, aghast at the prospect of its long-standing taboo being broken, appealed. The argument has now been taken up by American society at large and has pitted Mr Clinton against influential politicians upon whose support he will depend, including General Colin Powell. chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

No group gave more money and support to Mr Clinton's campaign than the rich and organised gay lobby. Stirred into action by the exclusionist policies of the Republican right, homosexuals across America worked hard to defeat George Bush; some 90 per forces. Both should think again.

cent voted for Mr Clinton. Wisely refusing to be bound by any special interest group, especially one so likely to alienate middle America, he made few promises in return. He did, however, specifically commit himself to lifting the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces.

Mr Clinton must wish for some other first litmus test. No president wants to become involved in detailed policy before his inauguration; and Mr Clinton could do without a controversy that pits him against the hierarchy of the armed forces, whose

commander he will shortly become. To his credit, he has not retreated from his conviction that sexual orientation is not a ground for job exclusion. He has however in the armed forces, and has suggested a commission look into any change.

This is not, as critics are claiming, "fuzzing" the issue. Strict rules on sexual behaviour already apply in relations between military men and women, especially on board ship. So they should. Equally strict rules must govern any expression of homosexual conduct; lifting the ban on recruitment is not a licence for predatory behaviour.

That said, Mr Clinton must be firm in turning down the Navy's new attempt to get round the court ruling. It has now insisted on an enlistment "contract" which specifies that no recruit will be a homosexual - as if this were something that could be turned off, like smoking. Western society no longer sees homosexuality as a legitimate ground for discrimination. America and Britain are among the last western nations still believing the condition alone bars service in the

ART IN ITS PROPER PLACE

Paintings should be seen in mufti as well as in gallery uniform

The fire at Windsor Castle came within a few minutes and yards of destroying one of the world's great collections. If the firefighters had not worked so fast last Friday, and if many of the rooms adjacent to the fire had not already been emptied for refurbishment, familiar masterpieces would have gone up in smoke, or been blackened beyond repair. Because of luck and the devotion of the rescuers, the only substantial painting that seems to have gone is a large and dispensable equestrian portrait of George III by Sir William Beechey.

But it was a close-run thing. And it raises questions about the care and display of art. Paintings of the quality of the Queen's collection would be safer in a gallery, with controlled atmosphere, modern wiring, sophisticated smoke-detection and fire-dousing equipment and constant attendants: They would also be better seen by more.

However, something of value would be lost if all great art were removed from the place for which it was painted, and concentrated into high-tech laboratories for paintings called galleries. The best place to see many paintings is their original or adopted home, whether it be a Florentine church so dimly lit that the prudent visitor takes a powerful torch as well as binoculars, or converted houses such as the Frick Museum on Fifth Avenue, or the Lazaro Galdiano Museum in Madrid, which preserve the taste of the original collector.

Context adds to art, and only professionals can for ever enjoy paintings displayed like. Art is too important to be left to the curators.

fish on a slab or stamps in an album. The concept of a public art gallery is quite recent. Cosimo de Medici commissioned Vasari to build the Uffizi, but, as its name declares, he built it as offices, for the government judiciary. It was a century later that it was turned into the first and still the greatest gallery, for the Medici collections. The gallery has become a part of civilised

existence. And some of the latest designs and displays, as in the Sainsbury wing of the National Gallery, and, it is to be hoped, in the controversial extension to the Prado. display paintings better than ever before. with new vistas opening up around every corner. The latest gallery techniques of showing paintings in a domestic context offend the purists, so that upstairs at the National Gallery of Scotland has been described as a tart's boudoir.

But it would be a sadder world where one could not see the huge Van Dyck of the entire Pembroke clan at home at Wilton House, or imagine oneself back to proud Bess of Hardwick with her relations at Hardwick Hall. Kettle's Yard in Cambridge is an inspiring way of seeing modern British art because it is more private home than

Both are needed. The best modern galleries are safer, and allow more visitors to enjoy their treasures. But the state palaces and little houses must keep their paintings, if art is not to be institutionalised in a ghetto. They need to look to their fire precautions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Repairing the damaged castle — and who foots the bill?

From the Right Reverend Maurice Wood

Sir. Your awesome photograph of the Windsor Castle fire (November 21), like that of St Paul's Cathedral surrounded by flames in the London Blitz of 1941, will remain in the visual memory into the next century. Great tragedies call for major actions.

I well remember the Queen attending a thanksgiving service in Norwich Cathedral in April 1975, after the interior roof timbers were restored. Sir Edmund Bacon, the Lord Lieutenant. had invited the landowners of Norfolk and Suffolk each to give us an oak, and the Queen had immediately responded herself from her Sandringham estate.

It would be a generous and imaginative gesture if one of the counties associated with the Queen's homes started by giving some timber for the Windsor Castle restoration, and other counties would surely follow in this fortieth year of the Queen's reign. In ten years it would be an occasion of great national pride to see the castle gloriously restored for the Queen's golden iubilee.

Meanwhile may this fire disaster lead us all to pray more earnestly at this troubled time for Her Majesty and every member of our royal family.

Yours faithfully, MAURICE WOOD, (Bishop of Norwich 1971-1985), St Mark's House, Englefield, Nr Reading, Berkshire. November 21.

From Mr R. J. Guv

Sir, If Windsor Castle belongs to the state but the Queen regards it as her home, should she not pay rent? Yours faithfully,

R. J. GUY, 866 Washwood Heath Road. Ward End, Birmingham 8. November 24.

From Mr Tim Jackaman Sir, The national heritage secretary's premature assurance that the taxpayer would foot the bill for the restoration of Windsor Castle (report, November 24) robbed the Queen of the public relations opportunity of the decade by not allowing her to preserve a national treasure and pay for what will undoubtedly be one of the most challenging and impressive restoration projects of our times.

By charging the Prince of Wales with responsibility for the project. such an initiative would also have allowed Her Majesty to provide a role for the prince which combines many of his major concerns - art, architecture and the nation's heritage.

TIM JACKAMAN (Managing Director). Square Mile Communications Ltd. Giade House. 52-54 Carter Lane, EC4.

From Mr Roger Bush

Yours etc.

Sir. For many years the management and maintenance of royal palaces has been a responsibility of the state, undertaken successively through the Ministry of Public Building and Works, the Department of the Envi-

ronment, and English Heritage.

The question is, therefore: "Does the Queen have the right to say "I don't think I'll bother to have the roof put back on - it would cost too much?" The answer is clearly "No". and indeed some costs may already have been incurred by the state through the employment of experts to assess the damage. And if the monarch has no choice in the matter, it follows that there can be no obligation on her to pay the bill.

If the fire had taken place at Balmoral or Sandringham, maners would have been different, for those homes are part of her estate. But over Windsor, Hampton Court or the Tower of London we cannot turn the clock back, and it is futile to argue

about who pays.

Parliament took on the risk of repair bills when it took on the management of these palaces. No doubt it was felt that they were part of the fabric of the nation. If we can't afford such costly fabric let us not try to pretend that someone else should pay.

Yours faithfully, ROGER BUSH, 54 Farley Road, Selsdon, South Croydon, Surrey.

Sir, I see that prisoners have gone on the rampage at Her Majesty's High-point Prison in Suffolk (report, November 25) to the tune of El million I suppose there is a section of the public and of the press who would expect the Queen to foot the bill for this damage to her property.

Yours truly.
GLORIA COTTESLOE. Oak House, Crondall, Hampshire. November 25.

From Mr Piotr Nev

Sir, While in Britain in September, I had the opportunity of visiting Windsor Castle. While I appreciate that it is a residence of members of the royal family, I was not impressed by the high admission charges and the general feeling that public visitors were treated largely as an unavoidable nuisance.

Two days beforehand, I had the easure of visiting the White House in Washington, where I paid no admission charge and was told proudly by the official guides that this building belongs to the people of the United States and we are honoured to be able to share it with our citizens and guests from abroad".

PIOTR NEY Prinsengracht 488, 1017 KH Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

From Mr Chris Boylan

Sir. Dr John Burchmore (letter, November 24) would like to demonstrate pride in our national heritage and loyalty and affection to our Sovereign by contributing personally to the restoration of Windsor Castle.

His sentiments are admirable but his premise is faulty. If Dr Burchmore will continue to pay his taxes. his wish will be granted.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS BOYLAN. 3 Walden Avenue, Chislehurst, Kent.

Fire precautions to protect nation's heritage buildings

From Mr A. C. Parnell, FRIBA

Sir, In March, after several years' work by specialists from member states, a preliminary draft recommendation on the protection of the architectural heritage against natural disasters (including fire) was submitted for approval to the Council of

The draft contains much of relevance, including recommendations for safe working practice by those undertaking alterations to buildings or their contents. Governments would also be encouraged to insure all such buildings as Windsor Castle, which they could do more economically than meeting restoration costs as at

Unfortunately the draft has yet to be adopted. The United Kingdom has raised fundamental objections to the proposals, based partly on the issue of interference with the rights of property ownership.

It is high time that the Department of National Heritage and English

Heritage recommended the adoption of these proposals.

Yours faithfully, ALAN C. PARNELL (UK committee representative; President, Institution of Fire Engineers, 1985-6). 12 Tonbridge Chambers. Pembury Road. Tonbridge, Kent. November 24.

From Mr Simon Hoffman

Sir, Rather than debating the wrongs and rights of the state meeting the cost of repairs to Windsor Castle we should be looking at how the fire was allowed to happen in such a financially and historically valuable structure and at making sure such an event never occurs again in a building of such importance.

One wonders why, if (as reported) the damage may cost some six times the amount spent renovating Hampton Court after the fire there, a government enquiry has not been announced, as it was for Hampton

Court. Sir John Garlick's report for the Department of the Environment, published in July 1986, ran to some 50 pages and called for major improvements in fire-detection mea-

Among the questions needing an answer are: was the fire alarm system working in the area where the fire started? Would sprinklers have helped to contain the blaze (the risk of water damage is far less than that of smoke or fire!? Were guidelines mublished April by the Loss Prevention Council, which represents insurers and fire prevention interests, for construction sites and areas undergoing refurbish-

ment being followed? Perhaps all such royal buildings with a residential function should come under the aegis of a fire-safety adviser whose duties would ensure the highest standards of protection and extinguishment. Yours faithfully,

SIMON HOFFMAN (Deputy Editor), Fire magazine. Oueensway House, 2 Queensway, Redhill, Surrey.

Lost to research From Professor N. Kurti, FRS

Sir, The sad stories (article, November 7, letter, November 16) of old valuable manuscripts, papers, correspondence and memorabilia having been lost through ignorance or carelessness make me wonder how future generations of historians will feel about the cavalier fashion in which present-day prime historical material is being treated.

The following little known example may, or may not, be typical.

The conversations of the ten Ger-

man atomic scientists interned in Farm Hall, a country house near Cambridge, from July until the end of December 1945 were picked up by microphones and listened to. Scientifically and politically interesting parts of the conversations were recorded on shellac-covered, reusable metal discs and transcribed.

Intelligence officers analysed these transcripts. The English translations of the important parts and summaries of the rest were collated in reports FH1-FH24 which remained "top

secret" until February 1992. Unfortunately when these were released to the Public Record Office the original German transcripts were not attached to them and strenuous efforts to locate this primary historical material have so far been unsuccessful. They may have been mislaid, lost or deliberately destroyed.

It is not too far-fetched to compare this with the imagined - albeit unimaginable - archaeological case of a sculpture (the German transcript) being destroyed, with only photographs of parts of it (the English translation) and descriptions of the rest (the summaries) remaining. Archaeologists would rightly be up in arms. How about historians?

Yours faithfully, N. KURTI, University of Oxford, Department of Engineering Science. Parks Road, Oxford.

London hospital beds

From Mr D. L. Crosby Sir. The 1987 European and US

"league table" listing ratios of hospital bed numbers to population and quoted by Dr Wright (letter, Novem-ber 19) is solely of historical interest and has no relevance to London's future needs - or for that matter to any other UK region.

What is now more important is to plan for the future on a rational basis, which should be concerned not only with bed numbers, but also with levels of clinical need. Because of developments in day surgery, keyhole surgery and other therapeutic advances, the general need for acute hospital beds continues to diminish. Many parients would probably be

cared for more comfortably and economically in "hotels" built in the vicinity of acute hospitals, whereas those needing care and support because of long-term disabilities are best treated in neighbourhood hos-

pitals, rehabilitation units and day hospitals. At the same time it is quite clear that all those who are very ill and potentially recoverable should be treated in intensive care and highdependency units where highly trained doctors, nurses and special equipment can be concentrated.

A common problem with our present hospitals is that they were constructed for needs that have changed. Actual bed numbers are far less important than the skills and services that can be provided and future hospital architects will need a more imaginative approach to take account of potential developments. Hitherto they have failed to do so. which explains why many of our present hospitals are more akin to huilding sites.

Yours sincerely. **DAVID CROSBY** (Consultant surgeon). University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XW.

Pounds out of pocket

From Mr Charles I. Yarwood

Sir, Mr Simon Grice who, because of falling exchange rates, has lost 16 per cent of his UK salary by transferring it to his Swiss bank while fulfilling a short contract at a European research establishment in Switzerland, wonders where his shortfall now resides (letter, November 24).

His money is perhaps being put to better use in the British economy by his doppelgånger: a Swiss gentleman who has a short contract at a European research establishment in the UK.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES I. YARWOOD (Managing Director and Chairman). Imperial Buildings (Horley) Ltd., Higheroft, Bonnetts Lane, Ifield, Crawley, West Sussex.

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Christmas bonus From Mr K. Brian Fry

Sir, It may be interesting to note that the relevant statute (The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act) now uses no fewer than 1,239 words, and the usual plethora of figures, clauses and sub-clauses to give effect to the pitiful £10 Christmas bonus for pensioners.

The rate has not changed since 1972, while the prices index has gone up by a factor of more than six. Of the bonus it has been written: "It

serves little obvious purpose other than of courting political popularity." How marry votes can now be bought for £10?

Yours faithfully. K. B. FRY, No 1 Airport House, Blackpool Airport, Blackpool, Lancashire November 17.

Flaw in formula for council tax

From Professor Richard R. Barnett

Sir, With the impending replacement of the poll tax by the property-based council tax, and the imminent announcement of transitional arrangements, the government is in danger of replicating one of the main deficiencies of the former rating system. This deficiency has nothing to do with the tax base per se but is a consequence of the way in which the government chooses to distribute its grants-in-aid to local authorities.

Central to the grant-distribution formula is the idea that local authorities should be able to fund a common standard of services (as determined by the government's estimate of each local authority's standard spending assessment) by levving a common tax rate. This central premise is built on fiscal illusion.

What matters for households is not the tax rate that they face but the tax bill that they have to pay. And when the notional value of the tax base varies between localities, as it does in the case of property, equal tax rates do not translate into equal tax bills. As a consequence, and as is widely recognised, the council tax will burden unfairly residents of the southern part

of the country. If the council tax is to survive, which it must if meaningful local governance is to continue, this weakness of the grant-distribution mechanism must be removed. The appropriate rule for the allocation of grant-in-aid should be amended so that similar standards of service will result in similarly situated individuals, for example residents of three-bedroom detached houses paying roughly equivalent tax bills irrespective of

where they live. One way in which this could be achieved would be to modify actual property values by an index of

regional house prices. The required objective could be achieved by other means also, but unless the grant-distribution formula is amended the new tax system will be open to the legitimate criticism of

RICHARD R. BARNETT. University of Ulster, Department of Public Administration and Legal Studies. Jordanstown, Co. Antrim. November 23.

Submarine base choice

From Mr Gary Streeter, MP for

Plymouth, Sutton (Conservative) Sir, It is expected that the Cabinet on Thursday will decide where to place future contracts for the relitting and refuelling of Britain's nuclear submarines, including Trident. The choice lies between Rosyth in Fife and Devonport in Plymouth (Rear Admi

ral Middleton's letter, November 19). It is apparent that Devonport has won the case on technical and financial grounds, but determined lobbying from Scotland has led to suggestions that this issue may be decided not on the basis of strategic defence needs and cost effectiveness,

Only last Thursday a Scottish Office minister said that he and his colleagues endorsed the arguments of the Rosyth lobby, and will ensure that the Secretary of State for Scotland raises these issues in the Cabinet meeting this week.

but on political grounds.

It is possible that the government may decide to maintain nuclear work at both Rosyth and Devonport. Such compromise will not be in the interest of the taxpayer, nor does it appear to reflect the navy's desire.

Devonport dockyard has already lost 6.000 jobs over the last five years. Some 22,600 jobs in the South West depend on the dockyard, the largest industrial complex in the area. With the naval base it forms the most significant naval complex in Western Europe. Devonport should be the

Yours sincerely, GARY STREETER. House of Commons. November 24.

Artistic impressions

From Mrs N. Edmunds

Sir, As one who enjoys modern art 1 watched the Turner Prize award on television yesterday in a fog of incomprehension. It was said by one of the critics interviewed that the general public would not understand the works shortlisted. Surely there is nothing to understand about all this pretentious nonsense.

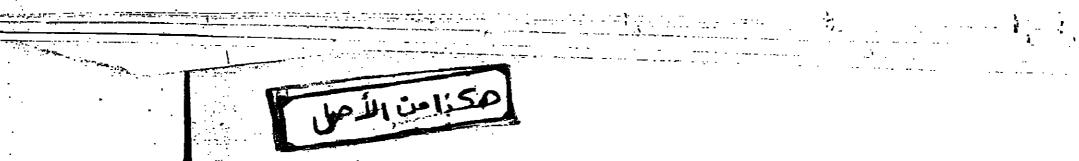
N. EDMUNDS, 9 Churchyard Cottages, Alresford, Hampshire. November 25.

From Mr Alistair Duncan

Sir. On looking at the photograph (November 25) of the winning entry for the Turner Prize I wondered whether the two pieces of steel tube had originally been made by Matrix Churchill and later abandoned.

Yours faithfully. ALISTAIR DÚNCAN, 73 Riverview Gardens, \$W13.

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Foundation for Science and

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and

Technology, presided at a learning

and dinner discussion held last

night at the Royal Society. Dr Neil

R. Chalmers, Lord Dainton and

Professor Robert M. May were the

speakers. Among others present

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The Earl of Bessborough, the Earl of Lindsay, the Earl of Selborne, Lord Addington, Lond Beloff, Lord Campbell of Croy, Lady Dalnion, Lord Hunger of Newington, Lord Perry of Walton, Bartoless Plant of Whitels, Lord Porter of Inddenham, OM, Lord Shacketon, KG, Lord Taylor of Gryfe, Lord Walton of Detchan, Lord Wanddou, Lord Zuckerman, OM, Sir Derck Andrews, Sir Ansfin Bide. Sir John Chapple, Sir Bonsald Halstead, Sir Andrew Hunley, OM, Sir Anthony Laughnon, Sir John Meson, Mr Remeth Carliste, MP, Mr Tann Dalyell, MP, Mr Jon Owen Jones, MP, Dr Lynne Jones, MP, Mr Oscar Rolith and Professor Michael Trevan.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead was the

principal guest at the annual dinner of the National Liberal

Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP,

Secretary of State for the Home Department, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon

of the Political Committee of the

Cariton Club held yesterday at the Club. Mr Giles Chichester, chair-

man of the political committee presided and Mr Robert More-

The Musicians Benevolent Fund

gave a kuncheon yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall to mark the Festival of St Cecilia. Mr

Jeremy Isaacs, Mrs Ralph Vaughan Williams and Sir Ian

Hunter, chairman of the fund,

Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone,

KG. CH. presented the Mar-chioness of Lothian with the au-

tumn 1992 Templeton UK Project

Trust individual award and the

Riding Lights. Theatre Company with the institutional award at a

ceremony held yesterday at St Anne's Lutheran Church,

SOS. Stars Organisation Support-ing Action for people with Cerebral

Palsy, wishes to announce that Countess De La Warr is retiring

after her term of office as president of the charity. Countess Alexander

of Tunis succeeded her as

president at the SOS Annual

Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers,

LEGAL NOTICES

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an Society of Civil

Mr F.D. Penney, President of the

Smeatonian Society of Civil En-

gineers, presided at a dinner held

ast night at the Institution of Civil

Universities of Glasgow and

Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson, Air Member for Supply

and Organisation, Ministry of

Defence, was the guest of honour

at the annual dinner of the Universities of Glasgow and

Strathchyde Air Squadron held last night at the Trades House Glas-

ow. Squadron Leader David A.

Hunter, Squadron Commander, presided Sir William Praser, Prin-

cipal and Vice-Chancellor of Glas-

gow University, was the principal academic guest.

Service dinner

Strathclyde Air Squadron

Engineers.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 25: Mr Peter Smith was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Pienipotentiary at Antananarivo. Mrs Smith was also received by

Her Majesty. The Archbishop of Canterbury was received in audience by The

Queen.
His Excellency Mr Franklin A. Baron was received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Dominica in London.

The President of the Royal Warrant Holders Association (Mr David Palengat) was received by The Queen and presented to Her Majesty a painting to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of The Queen's Accession. Mrs Mara McGregor (artist) and Com-mander Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of the Association) were also

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Duke of York and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy

The String Orchestra of The Life Guards played selections of music during the evening. Her Majesty's Body Guard of

the Honourable Corps of Gentle-men at Arms, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on

tty.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow, the Royal Academy of Engineering, this morning pre-sented The Prince Philip Medal at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 25: Lieutenant Colonel Charles Linford today had the honour of being received by The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Irish Regiment, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Regimental Depot.

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Chambers, MBE, had the honour of being received by His Royal Highness upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Regiment Depot.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 25: The Princess Royal today visited Humberside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell). Her Royal Highness opened

Princes Quay Shopping and Lei-sure Development, Hull. The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, visited the Save the Children Fund Shop at 269 Holderness Road. Her Royal Highness. Comandant in Chief. St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, opened the new St John Head-

quarters at Barton upon Humber

and attended a fund-raising Reception at Tyrwhitt Hall. The Princess Royal subsequently opened the National Fishing Heritage Centre at Great Grimsby.
Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association of the Communication of the ation, this afternoon visited the

Cleethorpes and Grimsby Group at Weelsby Park Riding School, Weelsby Road, Grimsby. The Princess Royal, President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this evening at-tended a Dinner at Le Meridien Hotel, 21 Piccadilly, London W1. Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE November 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited the Headquarters of the British Red Cross Society, and presented The Queen's Badge of

Mis P.H. Samuelson. The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance. Her Majesty opened the exten-sion to the London Library in Mason's Yard, SW1, this evening.
The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir

Honour and Certificate Class 1 to

Martin Gilliat were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE November 25: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a Meeting of The Prince's Council.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 25: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at The Royal Concert given at the Royal Festival Hall in aid of the Musicians Benevolent Fund and allied musi-

cal charities. The Lady Glenconner was in KENSINGTON PALACE

November 25: The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, today visited Boys' Clubs in Buckinghamshire His Royal Highness was re-

ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Hon John Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), was present this evening at a Reception to mark the Foundation's 21st Anniversary at St James's Palace, London SW1. Mis Michael Wigley was in

YORK HOUSE November 25: The Duke of Kent

1992. suddenly at home in Bath. John S. loved husband of Irene and loved by Frances. Hazel. Roy and

this morning visited The Kepier Development, Houghton-le-Spring and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison). His Royal Highness, Grand

Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, this afternoon opened Peter Stracey House, Fulwell, Sunderland and then the Masonic Temple, The Duke of Kent, Vice Chair-

man of the British Overseas Trade Board, later visited Bonas Mach-Board, later visited bornes remar-ine Company Limited, Team Val-ley, Gateshead. On completion, His Royal Highness, President of The Engineering Council, visited the Northern Engineering Centre, Great North House, Sandyford

Tallow Chandlers' Company
Mrs Roger Cork, representing the
Lady Mayoress, presented the
Tallow Chandlers' Company medals and awards to BP apprentices
and young researchers at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow
Chandlers' Hall. Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Boult, Master, presided. The Duke this evening attended Fund Raising Dinner in aid of 'Help Poland Fund (Northern)" at eaton Delaval Hall and was met on arrival by Lieutenant Colonel Michael Cookson (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland). Captain the Hon Tom Coke was

November 25: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Choir Schools Association, this morning visited Bristol Cathedral School and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Brj.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, this afternoon visited the Rheumatology Unit. Bristol University at the Bristol Royal In-firmary and later opened the new Renal Unit at Southmeade Hospital. Mrs Fiona Henderson was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 25: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon opened the Day Centre of the Alzheimer's Disease Society at White Gables, 18 Bromley Common, Bromley.
Her Royal Highness was received by Colonel Hugh Malthy
(Deputy Lieutenant of Greater

Mirs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Alexander Newlands, chemist, London, 1837: Par Phoenix, actress, Gal-way, Ireland, 1923. DEATHS: John McAdam, in-

ventor of the road surface of that name. Moffat, Dumfriesshire. 1836: Sir Leander Jameson, leader of the abortive raid into the Transvaal, London, 1917; Tommy Dorsey, jazz musician, Greenwich cticut, 1956; Cyril Connolly, critic, London, 1974. Over 8,000 people perished in the

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

Dinners

Club held last night at the club and marked the return to the club of its archives from Bristol University. Lord Banks, president of the club presided and Mr Terence Gleed Richards, chairman, also spoke. Among others present were:

Lady Banks, Beroness Robson of Riddingson, Lord Wigoder, CC, and Lady Wigoder, the Hon Kenneth Lamb, the Hon Maurice Robson, the Vice-Crancellor of Reistel University and Lady Kingman, Mr Geoffier Ford, Judge and Mrs Baker and Professor and Mrs Glynge Wicham. St John Ambulance

Six Peter Imbert, QPM, Commis sioner of the Metropolitan Police, accompanied by Lady Imbert, was the speaker at the national dinner of the St John Ambulance Association held last night at the Royal National Hotel, London. Dr Anthony Blowers, Director-General of St John Ambulance, presided.

Among the guests were:
Mrs Anthony Slowers, Lord and Lady
Vesny, the Right Rev M.A. and Mrs Mann.
Professor and Mrs A.E. Mellows, Lord and
lady Westbury, Mr and Mrs T.E. Everkd.
Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady
Parry-Evens and Mr and Mrs 1.C.H.
Moody.

Birthdays today

Maior-General Sir John Adand. 64; Professor Margaret Boden, sopher and psychologist, 56; Dr Cyril Cusack, actor, 82; Sir Alan Dalton, former chairman. English China Clays, 69; Mr Geoffrey Drain, trades unionist. 74; Sir Sidney Eburne, former Senior Crown Agent, 74; Sir Brian Goswell, partner, Healey and Baker, 57; the Earl of Gowrie, 53; Sir Patrick Graham, former High Court judge, 86; Mr John Gum-mer, MP, 53; Mr R.W. Hamilton, former Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum, 87; Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, former master, St John's College, Cambridge, 74; the Most Rev Richard Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus of the Scotish Episcopal Church, 59; the Earl of Lovelace, 41; Mr John McVie, rock guitarist, 47; Lord Moore of Lower Marsh, 55; Miss Joyce Quin, M.P., 48; Mr A.A.S.



Geigy, 67; Mr Charles Schulz, cartoonist, 70; Lord Strathcons and Mount Royal, 69; Miss Tina Turner, singer, 54; Mr Des Walker, footballer, 27.

Appointments

Sir Christopher Mallaby to be Ambassador to France on the retirement of Sir Ewen Fergusson. Legal

Marin Christopher Berry to be a district judge at the Principal Registry of the Family Division. Victor Stuart Batcup to be a district judge at the Merthyr Tydfil, Ponty-pridd, Aberdare, Brecknock, Caerphilly and Llandrindod Wells County Courts and the District Registry of the High Court at Menthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd and

Christopher Mansell Birkby to be a district judge at the Sheffield and Rotherham County Courts and the District Registry of the High Court at Sheffield. Robert Graham Sparrow to be a

district judge at the Norwich, Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth County Courts and the District Registry of the High Court at Norwich, Lowestoft and Great

Sabiha Hasan to be a district judge at the Central London County Court. All these appointments take effect from January 4. Margaret Short to be a district

judge at the Bow and Romford County Courts and the District Registry of the High Court at Bow and Romford, from January 6. Edward Temple to be a district judge at the Brentwood and Chelmsford County Courts and the Chelmsford District Registry of the High Court from January 8. Mr Richard Wakerley, QC, to be Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit: Mr James Hunt, OC, to be Deputy Leader.

Reception

Prime Minister The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street to mark the birthday of

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Mr H.G.R. Baker Cresswell

and Miss J.E. France
The engagement is announced
between Harry, son of Mr and
Mrs Gilfrid Baker Cresswell, of Preston Tower, Northumberland, and Josnina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon France, of Upper Woodford, Wiltshire.

Mr H.R.C. Burnand

and Miss L.K. Hallifax The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Mr Peter Burnand and the late Mrs Susan Burnand and stepson of Mrs Peter Burnand, and Louise Kate, daughter of Lady Hallifax and the late Admiral Sir David Hallifax. Mr E.J.F. Cotterell

and Miss A.I.I. Stone The engagement is announced between Edmund, eldest son of Mr Julian and the Hon Mrs-Harriet Cotterell, of Steeple Manor, Wareham, Dorset, and

Angelica, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. Humphrey Stone, of Lower Lawn House, Tisbury, Wilshire. MrCJR Dutton and Miss E.A. Tho The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of

Dr and Mrs P.M.E. Dutton, of Trimpley, Worestershire, and Alison, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas, of Llysonnen Road, Carmarthen, Dyfed. Mr P.D.K. Marques and Miss F.M.R. Willia

The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Marques, of Braughing, Hertfordshire, and Fiona, eldest danghter of Mr and Mrs Peter Williams, of Ceplon Road, London, formerly of Desc Park, Tullamore.

and Mile F.G.M. Sevanx The second secon The engagement is announced between Sunon Stephen, youngest son of the late Mr D.S. Milne and of Mrs Peter Moffat, of Perth, and Françoise Germaine Monique, eldest daughter of Capitaine de Vaissean and Mrue Philippe Sevanx, of Angers, France.

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Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will present the prizes to winners of the Royal ersary Trust schools competition at St James's Palace at The Duke of Edinburgh, as presi-

dent, will attend a luncheon given by the British Sports Trust at Chelsea Bridge House at 12.10. The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will attend a brief-ing at the Department of Health, Whitehall, at 10.50; and will attend a gala evening at the Albert Hall at 7.15 to launch the British Red Cross's volunteer and membership campaien.

The Duke of York will attend the trophies and awards banquer of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators at Plaisterers' Hall at 7.00

Prince Edward, as Trustee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend the Magnificent 7 dinner at the Hyait Cadion Tower hetel at

The Princess Royal, as Chief Commandant of the WRNS, will visit HMS Invincible at sea off the south coast at 10.00.

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the British Archaeological Awards at the Royal Geographical Society The Dochess of Gloucester will

open the Abbey Centre (Selly District and Coalfield Leisure Centre) at 1.55; and will visit Drax Power Station and Flue Gas Desulphanisation Project, Selby, at The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Tree Council, will assend the Tree Council and the Landscape In-

stime Royal Anniversary Tree Planting Ceremony in Hyde Park at 11.30. The Duchess of Kent will open the Daily Telegraph City Antiques and Fine Arts Fair at the Barbican Exhibition Hall at 2.30.

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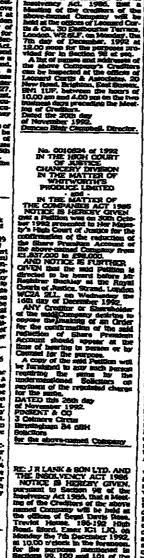
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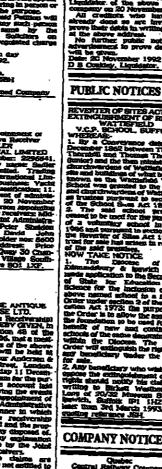
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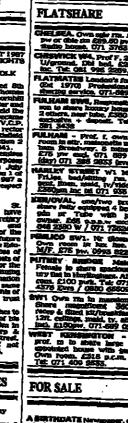


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Oliver Gregory, interior designer who was, in large measure responsible for the "Habitat style of the late Sixties, died aged 62 in a shooting accident in his home in Wiltshire on November 23. He was born on June 22, 1930

IN A world too ready to interpret "the interior designer" as a precious entity with curious spectacles and funny ideas, Oliver Gregory's position as one of the leading designers of his generation may appear incongruous. Gregory was a physically and emotionally tough artisan, with calloused hands and robust appetites. He was an argumentative auto-didact, a mischievous and audacious raconteur and his friends loved him for it.

As one of Terence Conran's very closest collaborators over the past thirty years, Gregory had been responsible for the design of literally hundreds of shops. He can claim a significant part of the revolution in commercial and domestic interior design, which history knows by the shorthand of 'Habitat'. His death robs the already impover-

ished design and retailing world of one of its most influential, if least known, characters. Gregory's no-nonsense approach commanded respect from both clients and contractors: more than anything else he knew how to get things done. If you showed him a depressing, desolate shell of a building he would come up with real-world ideas about how to convert. If a workman made a botch of something on site, Gregory would - and did pick up the tools and do the job

Everything was achieved from first principles, as in all the very best design. Oliver Gregory's style evolved out of the process of making and was informed by a profound understanding of materials and techniques, not to mention a profound understanding of the foibles of human nature. Increasingly at odds with the meretricious and superficial design of the mid-Eighties, Gregory once explained how he loathed the striving for effect of the forced mannerisms of the doorned retail boom which his and Conran's work had initiated.

Oliver Gregory was at school in Leicester during the wartime dream-world when all too few of the remaining teachers were capable of dealing with rumbusious boys. He was not exactly amenable to discipline but nonetheless spent his National Service in the RAF as a policeman. Like so many other tastemakers of the Sixties and Seventies, including the artist Joe Tulson, the writer Len Deighton and Gregory's good friend, the designer Rodney Fitch, the RAF experience, provided a revelation for Gregory. Here he discovered another world outside state school and the melancholy routines of provincial home life. To escape from his working-class background Oliver Gregory resolved to

OLIVER GREGORY



give up his apprenticeship in cabinetmaking and leave England. Although a keen photographer, he exchanged a precious black Leica III for a ficket to Australia and arrived in Melbourne in time fot the 1956 Olympics. Here he joined the Brooks Robinson firm of shopfitters working on Kurt Geiger

Gregory soon met the architects and his direct manner appealed to those down under. Gregory was very far from being a whingeing pom and within eighteen months the Leicestershire cabinet-maker had become a partner in an Australian firm of architects. He once explained the formative influence of working in Australia: "It was [there] that I first noticed I was interested in design. The lack of material encouraged a sense of frugality and ingenuity. The result was a sort of inspired simplicity."

Gregory returned to England and settled in Richmond. Surrey, finding work in a small form of local architects. Here he began to date a girl in the office whose job was to specify fixtures and fittings. She told him that she had met someone else who made furniture "He's just like you: interesting and difficult". This was 1960 and the characteristic that Oliver Gregory frequently took eccentric sabbaticals. In one of them during 1968 he set up an award-winning restaurant in Essex. It failed and Gregory came back to London. In 1969 the Conran Design Group moved from Hanway Place to an old banana warehouse in Covent Garden, marking the symbolic begin-ning of the revival of this area. In the space not used by design studios, they built The Neal Street Restaurant, with Gregory, Conran and art dealer John Kasmin as its original proprietors. It remains a perfect memorial to the style of the early Seventies.

It is now impossible to disentangle the precise responsibilities for the creation of the landmark restaurant, famous for being full of Kasmin's gallery stock and the Conran-Gregory reperioire of simple, good quality tableware, bright lighting, tiles and generous, bull-nosed details, rather like a Habitat de-luxe. Of its design Gregory said: "I don't really believe in that idea of authorship. Ideas get taken up and expanded. But you've got to have the initial idea and Terence was very good at that. Everybody involved felt a certain amount was personally theirs. I feel a great deal of it was mine. but to say it was all mine would be

Gregory went briefly to the Middle East, but returned in 1977 to work at Barton Court, Terence Conran's country house in Berkshire, where, with a new generation of young designers, he created new products for Habitat. This modern reinvention of the arts-andcrafts ideal was soon interrupted: after the flotation of Habitat and its immediate merger with Mothercare, Greeory was suddenly in charge of a massive shop-fitting programme: more than two hundred Mothercares were turned around (in batches of six) in just one year.

After this Herculean task, Gregory became progressively more detached from Terence Conran's world, although they remained close friends. He was no sentimentalist, and had a realistic and fair appraisal of his own worth. Above all else a practical man, Oliver Gregory helped define an approach to interior design which is above and beyond the caprices of mere

Besides furniture and interior design. Oliver Gregory loved and understood restaurants. He loved objects too and had an extraordinary collection of cameras, guns, ephemera and curious odds-and-ends. It is a tragi-comedy that one of his beloved guns ended his Gregory was a tough and indomita-

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GENERAL MICHEL FOURQUET

Michel Fourquet, the French air force general who oversaw his country's military withdrawal from Algeria and who later became chief of staff of the armed forces, died on November 20 aged 78. He was born in Brussels on June 9, 1914.

A STAUNCH Gaullist and a veteran of the second world war. Michel Fourquet was President de Gaulle's personal choice to take over as senior commander in Algeria in April 1962 and to execute his plans for the departure of the French forces. Fourquet had already proved his loyalty the year before, when General Maurice Challe had led an army revolt against de Gaulle in Algiers. It was a moment of grave crisis for France. In a stirring broadcast to the nation, which was also heard on a million radios throughout Algeria, de Gaulle exhorted his countrymen to have no truck with the right-wing, secret army organisation (OAS) militias which had taken control of police stations and prisons, freeing activists and incarcerating the legallyconstituted authorities. "In the name of France," said de Gaulle, "I order that every means should be employed to bar the way against these men until they can be crushed. I forbid every Frenchman, and, first and foremost, every soldier, to carry out their orders ... I am asserting, now and for the future, the legitimacy entrusted to me by the French nation ... Frenchwomen,

Frenchmen, help me!" Fourquet, at that time French air force commander in Algeria, was among those who held firm to de Gaulle in that hour of peril, and when the Algerian C-in-C, General Ailleret, moved on from his command. Fourquet was re-warded with the post of senior commander in the département. Although, by that time, the main instigators of the insurrection had been tried, convicted and were behind bars, it was still a far from propitious moment to be taking over in Algeria. The OAS was still active, carrying out arson attacks against Muslim property. In many echelons of the French officer corps --which felt that it had won the war militarily, only to be robbed of victory by politicians - there was still a die-hard resistance to the thought of independence for Algeria.

Mendès-France's assertion of the unit's pilots was, interestonly a few years before: "Tant que je suis en pouvoir, L'Algérie demeurra francaise!" still stirred deep feelings in the messes and around

the camp fires. To disengage 600.000 fighting men in such delicate circumstances and return them to France was a task requiring a good deal of sensitivity as well as firmness. Fourquet was assisted to some degree by the fact that the OAS began to supplement its harrassment of Muslims by attacks on French military positions, and at that point even the die-hards in the army were forced to the conclusion that Algerian independence was inevitable. Within three months the huge army of

occupation had been brought



home and a French département had become an

independent republic. The son of a wholesale merchant, Michel Martin Léon Fourquet was educated in Paris at the École Bossuet and the Lycée Louis-le-Grand. He opted for a career in the Armée de l'Air and was commissioned in 1935. He fought with an air force group during the brief and disastrous battle for France in 1940 but escaped after the capitulation to join the Free French forces

By 1944, as a lieutenantcolonel, he commanded the celebrated Groupe Lorraine, which made a reputation for itself for its brave - if costly low level bombing attacks in Europe where it flew alongside the RAF in raids on the Ruhr industrial area (one of

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ingly. Pierre Mendes-France. who was to become prime minister in 1954-55). Fourquet ended the war as one of the French air force's most decorated pilots.

After the war he rose rapidly through staff and squadron appointments. He had a spell on de Gaulle's personal staff in 1959 and was subsequently made a full general before taking command of the cinqueme region aérienne in Algiers in 1961. During the Algerian insurrection he had enormous Lorraine crosses painted on the fuselage and wings of his personal aircraft and flew throughout his command area at low level to rally the spirits of the waverers to the government's cause. Fol-lowing his period of supreme command in Algeria, he held a number of important senior posts. He was ministerial delegate for armaments from 1966 to 1968 and at the same time threw himself wholeheartedly into the creation of a modern, integrated nuclear

The death in an air crash of General Charles Ailleret in March 1968 left Fourquet as the natural candidate to succeed him as chief of staff of the armed forces. Thus he twice succeeded Ailleret in the most significant appointments of his career. Fourquet had long shared Ailleret's view that French strategy should be based on the concept of "all round" defence rather than being concentrated against a single potential enemy. He was also, in spite of de Gaulle's opposition to it, a proponent of loser military links with Nato.

During the crisis of 1968, when the événements on the Paris streets appeared to threaten the position of de Gaulle himself. Fourquet was one of the tiny circle of intimates who knew what the president's plans were during a tense few days when it seemed to France that its leader might have relinquished the reins of power.

Fourquet retired as chief of staff in 1971 but continued to take a keen interest in defence matters. He was president of the council of the national industrial aerospace society from 1974 to 1975. In addition to his French decorations he held an honorary DFC and was a member of the American Legion of Merit.

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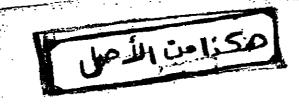
The accusation that foreign archaeologists were being favoured at the expense of Greek archaeologists was made by the Military League, an extreme nationali Greek officers.

undertakings have been paid for from their own funds and that Greece has only contributed by assuming the superintendence of the excavations, the preservation of the objects found, and in some cases expropriation of the land. In regard to the charge of having

stilled Greek archaeological activity with the complicity of M Kavvadias, and of having secured the best sites for excavation to the humiliation of Greek science and the greater glory of foreign research the directors, while thanking

M Kavvadias and the Greek Archaeological authorities for the facilities accorded them, point out that their authorization to undertake excavations is derived from the Greek Government and the Chamber. There can, therefore, be no question of favouritism displayed towards foreigners. The document then enumerates the long series of important operations carried out by Greek savants during the last 25 years as proof that Greek research has not been stifled with foreign connivance.

Finally, the directors rebut the statement that foreigners have requited the complacence of M Kavvadias with honours and decorations, pointing out the absurdity of supposing that the distinctions conferred upon him by the Academies of Berlin and Paris and by the Universities of Cambridge and Leipsig could thus be bought. Far from despising Greece, as has been asserted, foreign archaeologists chose Athens as the seat of their first Congress - at which M Kawadias played so impor-



THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26 1992

NEWS

France threatens to use Gatt veto

France said that it would veto a farm trade deal between the United States and the European Community, so blocking the way to a new Gatt agreement, unless farm subsidy cuts were renegoitated.

In an attempt to keep the heat on the government, 3,000 farmers staged a protest near the parliament, demanding the rejection of terms which they said would penalise French agriculture. Elsewhere protesters clashed with police and blocked town centres and a railway.....

Whitehall jobs may be put to tender

■ Most of Whitehall's functions could be put out to tender as the government tries to improve public services, William Waldegrave, the public service minister, said, when he unveiled the first report on the Citizen's Charter... Pages 1, 8

Palaces enquiry

A committee of MPs has asked Sir John Bourn, the public spending auditor, to investigate the finances of the state-owned royal palaces following the fire at Windsor Castle Page 1

Ratner resigns

Gerald Ramer has resigned from the jewellery store group after 26 years of service. Mr Ratner said he had decided to go because of a continuing negative Pages 1, 21

MPs pay freeze

MPs voted by 321-103 to freeze their salaries but one of the main independent review bodies refused to co-operate with ministers over implementing the squeeze....

Miners volunteer

British Coal's chances of achieving its politically sensitive 30,000 job cuts have been boosted by thousands of miners taking redundancy rather than awaiting the review Page 2

Water ruling

Britain is in breach of European Community standards on drinking water, the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg ruled finding that 28 supply zones in England had breached the limit

Toll motorways Motorists could be charged for driving on all motorways under

radical plans to allow the private

Britain's main highways. The proposals will be outlined in a green paper next March or

Radio rape

A teenager who telephoned a radio phone-in programme to say that she was lonely and "looking for someone in her life" was raped by a man with whom the presenter put her in

Irish intrigue

Political leaders in the Irish Republic are beginning what could be more than two weeks of intense post-election manoeuvring for power As soon as the first indications of a result are known this afternoon, the complex process of coalition building will

Serbs bar way

Relations between the United Nations and Bosnian Serb leaders were plunged into crisis as Serb military commanders barred the progress of a UN Page 11

Ferry safety move

The government plans to introduce stricter safety standards for ferries using British ports after failing to win the support of world shipping.....

Wind assisted

The secret behind Chris Boardman's cycling gold medal at the Barcelona Olympics has been revealed: he "sailed" to victory on a bike designed to take advantage sector to take over the control of _of crosswinds...

Still baffled by 40-year-old murder

John Major was the mystery guest at the fortieth anniversary nine British prime ministers. Tourists come to London just for The Mousetrap, seen by 9,500,000. During its first year, when Mr Major was at primary school, sweet rationing ended, Stalin died and Eisenhower was elected.......Page 7



All present and correct: students, in full seasonal garb, queuing for jobs as Father Christmases at the Hamburg job centre

BUSINESS

US success: A spurt in American economic growth during the third quarter has raised hopes that the largest economy is finally starting to lead world growth. Initial estimates of 2.7 per cent economic growth for America's third quarter have been revised up to an annual rate of 3.9 per cent Page 21

Markets: Sterling remained sidelined from the ERM excitement and slipped from DM2.4300 to DM2.4252. But it rose from \$1.5162 to \$1.5277 leaving the trade-weighted index at 78.7. Shares fell in lacklustre trading leaving the FT-SE 100 Index down 17.5 at 2709.6..

SPORT

Racing: Desert Orchid is seriously ill following an operation for a severe bout of colic. The grey was described yesterday by his owner, Richard Burridge, as "not at all Page 40

Rallying: Carlos Sainz, of Spain, clinched the world motor rally championship for the second time in three years with his victory in the four-day Lombard RAC event. His closest challenger, the Finn, Juha Kankkunen, lost second place after hitting a rock, leaving his compatriot, Ari Vatanen, the runner-up. Colin McRae, in sixth place, was the top Briton

Cricket: Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council, said evening play under floodlights was "absolutely certain" in future Tests.

TIMES WEATHERCALL

Reference: Philip Howard negotiates a minefield of cliches and slang. Simon Jenkins takes the lie of the land on this season's atlases. ... Pages 32, 33 Fatal charmers: New biographies

on a villanous Rex Harrison, a garrulous Peter O'Toole and the irreplacable Benny Hill.... Page 33 Clever cats: Anne Billson and her moggie take an IQ test and examine the history of cat worship from the ancient Egyptians in a lucrative publishing phenomenon.. Page 32

Architecture: Marcus Binney peers into parish churches, admires the restraint of Adam and the whimsies of Sinan, in a bumper crop of coffee-table books...... Page 33

Betty Boothroyd, the

Parliamentarian of

the Year by The Spec-tator which last year

made David Mellor

Page 10

the Member to Watch

Cinema: A strongly acted new film version of John Steinbeck's novel Of Mice and Men gets a warm welcome... ... Page 29

Theatre: A bluff and roly-poly Macbeth in Michael Bogdanov's new production for the English Shakespeare Company Page 30 Dance: Christopher Bruce's dance

settings of early Rolling Stones songs for London Contemporary Dance Theatre are given their London premiere in the presence of the LCDT patron, the Duke of York, and Mick Jagger Page 30 Literature: Book clubs are aiming at a new market, offering the works of so-called "serious" contemporary

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Money talk: Thirty years ago, the

bank manager was like something

out of John Galsworthy. How are

the high street financial vicars coping with redundancy?..... Page 14 Coca-Cola culture: When French farmers burned rubber tyres outside a Coca-Cola plant it reinforced the drink as the popular symbol of American culture Page 14

Foot and heart disease: The second Earl of Buckinghamshire met an unfortunate end 200 years ago when, aged 70, he plunged his foot into cold water to relieve the pain of gout, a complaint which today is largely preventable _____Page 15

Benazir Bhutto leaves Supporters of Chief agreed to a possible violence has claimed

Buthelezi, above, and Nelson Mandela have summit but township more victims Page 13

Laurence Rees continues his examination of media manipulation by looking at politicans who banned popular series: The Power of Soap (BBC2, 9.30) ____ Page 39

Uncharted waters

Most of the aims of the citizen's charter are desirable who would argue with prompter medical treatment or Saturday evening driving tests? What is more questionable, though, is whether the charter will actually be able to achieve its ends____ ___ Page 17

Gay rights

Western society no longer sees homosexuality as a ground for discrimination. America and Britain are among the last western nations still believing the condition alone bars service in the forces. Both

Art houses

Something of value would be lost if all great art were removed from the place for which it was painted, and concentrated into high-tech laboratories called galleries Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

The greatest conviction of human beings is their belief that they guide themselves and their actions not by impulse, dreams, omens, hunches, guesswork and the ideas of other people, but by reason. This dreadful absurdity has ruined countless millions".... CHARLES BREMNER

France likes to think of itself as the cutting edge of new technology, so why is the whole country, from the Paris intellectual to the normally irascible man in the corner cale, ready to sympathise when farmers wreak bavoc?..... .Page 16 PHILIP HOWARD

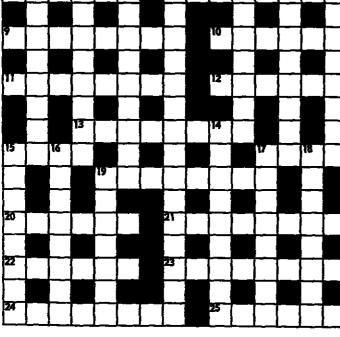
Annus horribilis ... has now be-

come a cliché of pretentions journalists who wish to flaunt their supposed scholarship, though the Daily Mail was anachronistic to suggest that it was invented by The

The former Bishop of Norwich suggests a way of providing timber for the rebuilding of Windsor Page 17

The crisis in Europe is getting worse as a result of the GATT negotiations. France is isolated. For the moment, what is truly fascinating, is the paucity of judgement characterising the French government's actions —Le Figaro

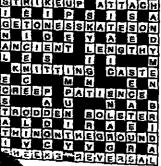
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- 11 Would that we were in the mood!
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- brash vulgarity (8) 15 Passage avoiding a detached territory (4)
- 17 Polish youth leader's girl (4)
- 19 Wilful damage causing boats to founder some time afterwards (8)
- 20 Order regiment forward for the

Solution to Puzzle No 19,085



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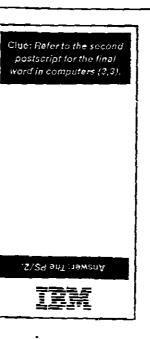
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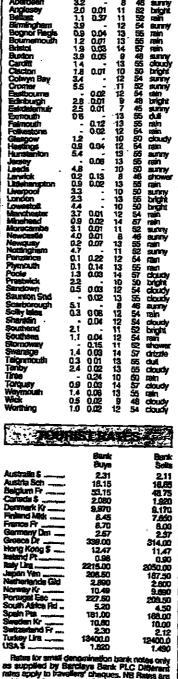
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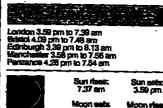
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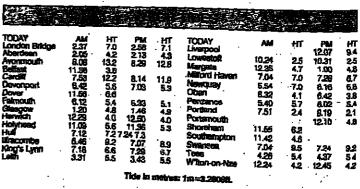
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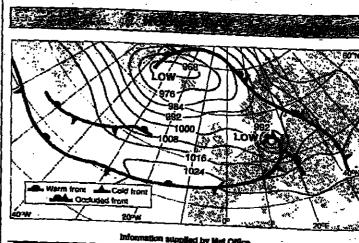








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from shareholders who

blamed him for the sharp downward spiral in the

Mr Ratner is going as chief

executive because of the welter

James McAdam, who re-placed Mr Ratner as chair-man in January, will take over

day to-day running of the jewellery business in Britain,

while the American opera-

tions will report directly to him

through Nathan Light, the US

Mr McAdam said the deci-

sion had been reached by Mr

Ratner himself, and there had

been no pressure from the

"He's been 26 years with

the group. It's the end of an era," he said. "The timing is his. Gerald has built it up from

small beginnings to the size it

is today.

These things are always sad, when somebody goes after such a period and we are such a dealy together."

have worked closely together."

A formal statement read: The board would like to

record its appreciation of Mr

Ratner's immense contribu-tion to the development of the

group during his period of 26

Mr Ratner admitted his

group he had almost single-handedly created. "I am obvi-

ously saddened to be leaving a

business of which I am so

Mr Ratner was on a three-

year contract at £375,000 a

year and will receive one year's

payment in compensation for loss of office. He retains a holding of 800,000 shares,

worth £144,000 at last night's

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ARTS 29-31

John Malkovich in the new film Of Mice and Men



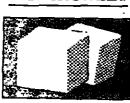
SPORT 36-40

Floodlit Tests inevitable says Cowdrey ACCOUNTANCY ON THURSDAY Page 28

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BUSINESS **TODAY**

BITTER SWEET



Tate & Lyle, the sugar group, hopes for recovery this year despite its first profits Pages 22 and 24

LIGHTING UP

of bad publicity since his Growth in eastern widely reported remarks to the Europe helped Rothmans Institute of Directors in April 1991. "The continuing nega-tive press I have attracted leads International to slightly higher profits me to believe that this decision Tempus, page 24 is in the interests of the group and the people working for it,"

WATERTIGHT



North West Water lifted profits and is targeting occupied paying water bills Pages 22 and 24

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DEPUTY CITY EDITOR Gerald Ratner has resigned from the jewellery chain that bears his name after GERALD Ratner has resigned from the ailing retail jeweller that bears his name shareholders blamed him for a remorseless downward spiral in the group's fortunes

share price, down 1p at 18p ahead of the news of his

Chief executive pays price

for attracting bad publicity

Mr McAdam refused to comment on the all-important Christmas trading season already under way, saying the information was price-sensitive. Ratners' performance on the high street over the next few weeks, when most of the country's jewellery sales take place, will, some observers elieve, decide the group's continued survival in the light of its huge debts.

But he did say the resigna-tion was not related to trading. At the end of September, Mr Ratner faced a barrage of criticism from hostile shareholders at the company's annual meeting, with continued calls for his sacking. A man who, during his rise, was a master of self-publicity, he was uncharacteristically silent, and all questions from the floor of the meeting were fielded by Mr McAdam.

The chairman insisted at the time — despite vociferous claims that the fastest way out of the group's problems would be Mr Ratner's departure -



McAdam: "end of an era"

was "not on the table." Shareholders, typically unforgiving of one of retail's bestknown fallen heroes, claimed then that Mr Ratner was too much of a burden, despite his evident trading skills. One attacked the salary he earned last year, a sum of £574,000 that has since been reduced, as

The group was also forced to announce, on the day of the annual meeting, a deepened half-way pre-tax loss of £30.6

Total debts at that stage stood at £266 million. Mr Ratner is now thought to have bowed to the inevitable after further pressure both from shareholders and from his fellow directors, concerned that the tide of bad publicity has still not ebbed as had then

been hoped. There was some surprise in the City at the abrupiness of his departure, however. Julie Ramshaw, retail analyst at Morgan Stanley, commented:
"It obviously comfortable for him, with so many things going wrong, to have new people coming in and dictations are the standard and dictations are the standard and the standard are t

ing strategy.
"He's very much married to his business, and he seemed pretty committed to making the whole thing work. I don't see him as a guy who gives up There seems to be a degree

of conviction that the bold strategy adopted will work eventually, albeit after a long and arduous haul." He commanded tremendous respect from his staff despite the difficult times the group was trading through,

she said, and his departure could therefore be damaging to morale. "Love him or hate him, he's a trader. If the decision has been taken, the company feels that it can cope without him.



Sad farewell: Gerald Ratner, who is bowing out after 26 years with the group

Ratner quits the family firm Gerald's little gem was a joke too far

IT ALL started with a lighthearted attempt to breathe life into a day of speeches and statistics. It ended last night, when Gerald Ratner, the for-

mer golden boy of high street retailing, stepped down from the company he built up. In the eighties, Mr Ratner emerged as one of the most polished showmen in the retail business. But as the nineties loomed, signs of strain showed. There was talk that Ratners had grown too fast, especially after the acquisition of the Kay jewellery chain in America. His speech to the Institute of Directors in April last year was the last

In his speech, now firmly embedded in City folklore, Mr Ratner wondered aloud why people were inclined to buy the company's cheap cut-glass sherry decanter set. It was, he said, because they were "total crap". In the days and weeks that followed, he backpedalled furiously, insisting in vain that the remarks had been a light-hearted attempt

to wake up his audience. Ratners was started by his father, Leslie, in 1949, the year Gerald was born. He pined the family business in his teens and, unhappy with its performance, took matters into his own hands while his father was away on a trip. Soon after he became head of

He once said: "There will be a time in this business when the qualities that I have won't be the right ones. I hope that someone does to me what I did to my father. I'd love it if my daughter did that."

As someone who admitted to being a compulsive worrier - "I stay awake at night worrying. There is always something". Mr Ratner can perhaps, now that the die is cast, sleep more easily.

Growth lifts hopes that US is out of recession

By Colin Narbrough ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A STRONG spurt in American growth in the third quarter has raised hopes that the world's largest economy could finally be starting to lead the the way to global improve-ment after a long uphill climb out of domestic recession.
Government figures showed that the initial 2.7 per

cent third-quarter growth estimate had been revised up to an annualised rate of 3.9 per cent, making it the most robust quarter of the administration of outgoing President Bush. America last experienced growth of this magnitude in the final quarter of 1988, during the Reagan

presidency.

Bill Clinton, the president-elect, welcomed the gross domestic product figures as "good news", but underlined that it would have no effect on his long term strategy.

The GDP data caught Wall Street economists off-guard. prompted some analysts to question the quality of the figures, but most accepted that a surge in growth had taken place. Whether it would be sustained in the current quarter was, however, considered

ANNUAL growth in Britain next year could accelerate to

about 2 per cent, or double the

rate Norman Lamont, the

Chancellor, forecast in his

Autumn Statement, according

to the National Institute of

Economic and Social Re-

search (Colin Narbrough

But, while its main forecast

assumes that the easing of

monetary policy since Septem-

ber 16 — Black Wednesday —

will ensure modest recovery

The third quarter pick-up

Other figures out yesterday helped enhance the brigther picture. The number of Americans applying for unemploy-

ment benefits for the first time dropped by 12,000 in mid-

puts full-year American growth on course for an annual rise of 2 per cent, or more. But more substantial growth in America is in sharp contrast with developments elsewhere. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, told the Bundestag parliament for the first

after a 0.7 per cent contraction

in the gross domestic product

this year, the institute review is

highly critical of economic

policy and contains a consider-

ably gloomier alternative

prognosis.
The institute said: "The

economic system in this coun-

try is itself lacking in stability;

moreover, the suspicion arises

that the reforms of the eighties

may in some cases have in-

Manufacturing, enfeebled

creased the risks."

time that the worldwide recession had now caught up with The Japanese goverment

also indicated that it might have to increase its package of fiscal measures to boost the flagging economy. The dollar drifted lower

before the Thanksgiving day holiday, while the tension that built in the European exchange-rate mechanism at the

NIESR criticises running of economy

estimated £58 billion in output. is expected to shed 800,000 jobs this decade.

The institute voiced concern that the post-ERM easing of monetary policy and devalua-tion of the pound will add to inflation. Its central forecast is for annual retail price inflation, excluding mortgage in-terest payments, of 4.1 per cent this year, picking up to 4.8 per cent by the final quarter of next year.

start of the week eased, as dealers waited for the outcome of the election in the Irish Republic and the French national assembly vote on the

The franc and the Danish krone recovered ground, with the help of a little intervention, in spite of persistent doubts about the durability of current ERM parities as long as the Bundesbank refuses to lower German rates. Partial German inflation figures yesterday showed inflation ticking up slightly, making it less likely that the Bundesbank council will today signal any

The market is convinced that the Irish punt will be devalued this weekend by between 5 and 10 per cent. The currency remained just above its DM2.62 floor level for most of the day. A slight weakening of the mark provided a breathing space for the other ERM currencies.

Investor lobbies Bank over Barclays posts

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

Bank of England to complain about Bardays' decision to appoint Andrew Buxton as both chairman and chief

The firm, which controls a substantial stake in the bank, has also met Mr Buxton to air its grievances and try to persuade him to alter his plans. The Bank of England has not taken any action since it is thought to believe that Barclays' management team and its full complement of nonexecutive directors are strong enough to run the bank effectively. The firm's complaint, however, highlights growing mease among investors about Mr Buxton's appointment. Many believe he will be unable to fulfil both roles successfully. Analysts are forecasting that Bardays is heading for a Comment, page 25 | loss of up to £100 million this

A LEADING City investment year, owing to record bad debt institution has written to the provisions and the bank is undergoing a reorganisation to

cut costs. Mr Buxton, who became chief executive in the surnmer and is due to become chairman in January, has visited a series of City institutions in an attempt to allay their fears. He has told them that he will keep his dual role under review and may appoint a chief executive

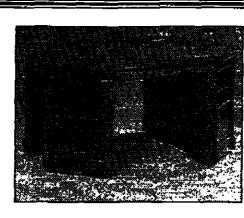
if the job proves too difficult. He has also told fund man-agers he will rely on the advice of his fellow directors, particularly Sir Peter Middleton, the deputy chairman and head of Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Fund managers are keeping up pressure on the bank to split the roles sooner rather than later. But Mr Buxton says he will take up the chairmanship as planned in January.

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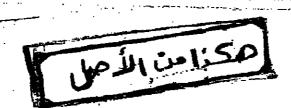


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BUSINESS NEWS

Confident: Neil Shaw, chairman, is looking forward to growth in core markets

Tate & Lyle payout sweetens profit setback

TATE & Lyle, the sugar and sweeteners group, has suffered its first profits setback for 14 years, but the shares rebounded by 12p to 368p yesterday, reflecting board hopes for recovery in the current year.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-September fell from a restated \$230.8 million to £189.5 million. But as a sign of confidence in the future the total dividend for the year is raised 7.1 per cent to 12p a share out of earnings down from 33p to 26.2p.

Neil Shaw, the chairman, said: "In spite of the reduction in earnings last year we are confident of future growth in our core markets and our ability to

extend our global reach in them."

Tate blamed £30 million of the profits shortfall on Staley, its American cereal sweeteners and starches business, which suffered from overcapacity compounded by a cold, wet summer in the northern US. Tate said this was the third wettest and second coldest on record this century. Staley's payroll was

cut by 25 per cent. Staley has recently started making Stellar, which replaces fat in foods such as salad dressings, cakes, desserts and meat products. The market for fat replacements in America is, as yet. small and competitive. Tate claims 15 per cent of a £17 million market, but the market is said to have a potential of billions of dollars.

Tate & Lyle's other big problem area was Western Sugar, the American beet company. Tate says Western was responsible for £10 million of the profit shortfall and suffered from the "most difficult weather conditions in living memory for beet storage." Tate said that the deteriorated beets yielded less sugar and with prices very low. Western only scraped into profit.

Mr Shaw said that "in markets other than the United States good perfor-

mance was again achieved and a record level of investment in new plant and equipment spread across all our markets laid the groundwork for future

During the year, Tate & Lyle's borrowings rose from 81 per cent to 89 per cent of shareholders' funds. The group traditionally believes in using debts to finance expansion because of the strong cash flows from its operations. Nevertheless it hopes to reduce borrowings this year. The year just ended saw a cash outflow of £80 ended saw a cash outflow of £89 million, an improvement on the £150 million outflow in the previous year. Operations generated £290 million, against £315 million last time.

Tate's reserves were hit by a revalua-tion of its Plaistow site in East London to £4 million, against the 1989 valuation of £16 million. A further £54 million was also written off reserves to account for goodwill from acquisitions. This included £21 million to deal with

the Bundaberg Rum business. Ex-change rates had a surprisingly small effect on Tate & Lyle. A translation loss of £2.3 million thrown up by the average exchange rate calculation was cancelled out by a rise in the value of dollar-based reserves by the balance sheet date.

Tate also wrote off £7 million on its new Sucralose low calorie sweetener. [[is still awaiting approval by the American Food and Drug Administration but is said to have met with an enthusiastic response from food and beverage manufacturers and consumers in Canada. Because of the delay in American approval, which is still expected at some point by Tate, production was temporarily suspended. Sucralose is used in 40 food products so far and is also sold direct to consumers as Spienda low-calorie

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Ford Credit rebuked on finance scheme

BY LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

FORD is withdrawing literarure about its Options finance scheme after the Office of Fair Trading found it to be in breach of the Consumer Cred-(Advertisements)

Ford Credit has given a voluntary undertaking to Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-gen-eral of fair trading, that it will amend advertising sales literature and sales training material about the scheme.

Options has been so successful that it has accounted for a third of sales to retail customers since it went national in June. Other manufacturers have launched similar deals.

The buyer puts down a deposit of 20 or 30 per cent and the dealer works out the minimum guaranteed residual value of the car at the end of the two- to four-year period.

The residual value is then deducted from the capital sum, and capital repayments are based on the amount left. However, interest is paid on the whole sum. At the end of the period, the buyer either pays the residual value, gets the dealer to sell the car or can just hand the vehicle back and pay no more.

The advertisements and brochures promoting the scheme compared it with a bank loan. Sir Brvan considered that was misleading. When a car purchase is financed by a personal loan the customer owns the car from the moment it leaves the showroom and can sell it. But under the Options scheme, the car remains the property of Ford until the final payment.

The literature sought to convey that the scheme was cheaper than a bank loan, but Sir Bryan did not think it made a true comparison.

Ford Credit said: "We only used the figures for bank loans as an easily understood alternative method of buying a

CBI to study grievances over funds for training

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders decided vesterday to carry out the first industry-based survey of the government's training and enterprise councils, the private sector-led bodies that administer training in Britain.

Some companies that sit on the 82 training and enterprise councils (Tecs) around the country are becoming disenchanted, especially over funding and financial flexibility. Some threatened to walk out if matters were not improved in the government's Autumn Statement. Despite the statement's measures, the Confederation of British Industry's governing council yesterday decided to study the Tecs' operations and investigate the funding grievances.

Sir Michael Angus, CBI president, accepted that there had been disquiet over Tec

A threatened walkout of business leaders disenchanted with the training and enterprise councils has prompted the CBI to look into grievances over funding

funding. The council approved a questionnaire to ask are achieving their objectives. and try to determine how accountable they are. It will suggest a different funding method, removing them from the ambit of the employment department, putting them under a separate funding agency, which would agree contracts with each Tec and measure their performance. Though the CBI has informed the employment de-

partment of its intention, it said yesterday the enquiry would be independent.

summit in Edinburgh in two weeks, the CBI called yesterday for European interest rates to be eased. Howard Davies, CB1 director-general, said a European growth package would be on the agenda for Edinburgh, and while the CBI had some reservations about sizeable budgetary in-creases for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, it would be beneficial if the summit convinced Germany about the seriousness of its economic position

and its impact across Europe.

Leaders of industrial and employers' organisations from

London at the CBI next week to put forward the issues they want their governments to

discuss at Edinburgh.
Tomorrow, the CBI will publish its revised forecasts for the British economy in the light of the Autumn Statement, but the council yesterday restated the CBI's approval for the fiscal and monetary stances the government had taken.

The council approved the first draft of the CBI's economic priorities for 1993 - its submission for the first of next year's two budgets — which is likely to say there is no need for any tax increases, and especially in business. The council also urged EC ministers not to proceed with the European Commission's proenergy/carbon tax. which the CBI said would weaken Europe's international competitiveness and endan-



Europe on the agenda: Howard Davies, CBI director general, believes Germany should be made aware of it's impact

Evangelist may be sole runner for TVS

THE second putative bidder for TVS Entertainment, the ITV contractor for the south. has pulled out after a look at the books, leaving the field clear for Pat Robertson's International Family Enter-

tainment (IFE). But an unholy row is brewing over the American TV evangelist's proposed takeover, which has the blessing of the TVS board and foreshad-ows the creation of a satellite channel that could bring together such diverse attractions as Lou Grant, The Mary Tyler Moore Show, the Ruth Rendell detective mysteries

A group of preference

Resistance from shareholders stands in the path of American Pat Robertson's bid

for the broadcaster, writes Martin Waller

shareholders in TVS claim to have sufficient votes to block the deal on technical grounds. even though IFE can count on a certain 35 per cent and a probable 50 per cent accep-tances for the bid.

third party approach received this month, which came after the board had thrown its weight behind Mr Robertson's £45.3 million offer, had come to nothing after "detailed financial and other information" had been sup-

TVS yesterday said that a alternatives have been considered and would not offer the

plied to the possible bidder, a New York TV producer with the backing of an American financial institution. The board is again urging IFE acceptance, saving that other

But preference holders are upset at the terms on offer, 43p in cash for each prefer-

share or IFE equity worth on average 26 per cent more than the cash. They are aggrieved at the support given by Mary Tyler Moore, the actress, to IFE in respect of a block of shares that have yet

to be issued

Miss Tyler Moore and Mel Blumenthal, two of the original sellers of the MTM TV production company to TVS in 1988, are taking shares representing 8.9 per cent of the votes as a delayed portion of the original purchase price. Under the terms of the acquisition they are required to accept the IFE offer. Julian Treger, of Restructuring Ad-

advising some preference holders, says they will vote at a forthcoming extraordinary meeting on December 10 against a special resolution needed to allow the IFE offer to succeed. This is a limitation of 10 per cent on any one holding in TVS and requires a 75 per cent majority. TVS's advisers, however,

believe the preference holders are indulging in a spoiling tactic which would block any takeover of TVS. The pur-chase of MTM sparked the decline in the fortunes of TVS that reached its nadir when the company lost the franchise for the South last year.

James wins external seat at Lloyd's

By JON ASHWORTH

DAVID James has won an external seat on the council of Lloyd's in a round of elections that has confirmed David Rowland as the troubled insurance market's next chair-

Mr James, the company doctor who recently lost his battle to turn round Dan-Air, clinched the post from a range of candidates including Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group. The four working members of council are: Mr Rowland, chairman of Sedgwick, Robert Hiscox, managing director of Robert and Hiscox, Stephen Merrett, chairman of Merrett Group, and Richard Keeling, underwriter of syndicate 362.

Mr Rowland and Mr Hiscox have been elected to serve terms of three years. Mr Merrett and Mr Keeling have been elected to serve for two years. The formal election of the chairman and two deputy chairmen takes place on De-cember 2. The appointments apply from January 1.

The fight for an external seat was a close run affair. Mr James received 4,230 votes compared with 3,598 votes for Mr Doll-Steinberg. The Association of Lloyd's Members. the largest and most powerful body representing names, had the post. Neil Shaw, ALM

The failure to win a place on the council will come as a blow to Mr Doll-Steinberg, who is bracing himself for a stormy time when the Gooda Walker Action Group holds its annual meeting on Monday.

Many of the 2,300 mem-

bers are reported to be in-censed by a proposed clause that would allow the committee of 12, including Mr Doll-Steinberg and Tom Benyon, to split 1.5 per cent of all monies recovered through litigation between them, less 10 per cent of costs.

If £300 million was raised in settlement, the committee would have £4 million to share between them. Mr Doll-Steinberg said the proposal would be put to the vote. "It will either be accepted or rejected, but there is no question of modifying the proposal." he said.

A spokesman for a group of names described the clause as entirely unacceptable". The action group committee has said that the fight to recover names' losses could become a full-time occupation over a period of five years, justifying their calls for remuneration, but other sources say it could take only three months. Peter Uttley, secretary of the Feltrim Association, said it was wrong for the committee to take any remuneration other than moderate expenses.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

North West Water targets non-payers

NORTH West Water is linking up with electricity distributors to identify homes that are occupied but where the householders are not paying their water bills. The company is using customer lists from Norweb and Martweb, the two distributors serving the north-west. The action has led to a sharp reduction in the number of homes registered as empty, and therefore not liable for water

charges, in its area.

North West pushed pre-tax profits ahead by £7 million to £130.7 million in the six months to September 30. The interim dividend is raised by 9 per cent, from 6.54p to 7.13p. Bob Thian, the chief executive, said the company was confident of reaching agreement on favourable terms with the industry regulator by the end of the year over the size of next year's price rise. North West is claiming that additional costs to cut pollution mean that it should not be forced to limit next year's price increase. Tempus, page 24

Strike ballot at bank

WORKERS at TSB Group, who have seen more than 5,000 jobs go at the bank in the past three years, are to be balloted on taking selective strike action over the cuts. Another 600 jobs are due to go at the bank this month, according to Bifu, the banking union, which believes 600 more will be shed in the new year. The executive of the union has decided to ballot their 20,000 members at the bank, which is making redundancies under a branch reorganisation programme. Ballot papers will be issued next week and the result will be known by Christmas.

Harmony seeks peace

A REVIEW of business at Harmony Leisure and the appointment of two new directors has been announced in a last ditch attempt to pacify shareholders ahead of today's extraordinary meeting. Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank, will review current operations, future business plans and corporate strategy. A preliminary report will be made in six weeks with detailed recommendations to follow. The review comes after consultations between the restaurants group and major shareholders "to canvass opinion and guage support for Harmony's future strategy".

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GPT wins BT order

GPT, the telecommunications equipment supplier jointly owned by General Electric Company and Siemens of Germany, has secured a £579 million contract to supply System X digital exchanges to BT. The order will underpin 2,500 jobs at GPT's plant in Liverpool. However, the exchanges, which will be installed over the next three years. are expected to be the last needed by BT to complete modernisation plans. GPT is stepping up efforts to sell System X overseas and to develop new products.

Pegasus chief leaves

THE chief executive of Pegasus, the computer software supplier, has left because of a "difference in management style". The departure of Jonathan Hubbard-Ford comes as the group carries out a strategic review of its business in the wake of trading problems. Pegasus said it would have plunged into the red, but for a £1.25 million profit on the sale of a 25 per cent stake in one of its businesses. Earlier this month the company reported a slide in pre-tax profits for the year to July from £1.7 million to £655.000.

Hartstone ahead

HARTSTONE, the leather goods and hosiery company, increased pre-tax profits from £8.2 million to £10.5 million in the six months to end-September. Turnover was £16.1 million (£92.8 million) in the wake of the purchase of two continental hosiery companies in November. The £65 million rights issue to partly fund the acquisitions diluted earnings per share from 7.7p to 6.7p. Reorganisation and other costs of £2.5 million have been charged against operating profit. The interim dividend is 2.Sp (1.875p).

ABI Leisure cuts payout

ABI LEISURE, the caravan manufacturer, has cut its dividend despite lifting pre-tax profits 11.3 per cent to £2.3 million in the year to end-August. Turnover rose to £56.2 million (552.3 million) and earnings were 5.8p (5.7p). A final dividend of 2.19p (3.13p) a share makes a total for the year of 3.76p (4.7p). The decision to cut the dividend was taken "as a matter of prudence" because an expected recovery in the UK market had failed to materialise. The

Holographics cuts loss

APPLIED Holographics, which makes embossed holograms, mainly for credit cards, continues to cut the losses that have plagued it since it joined the Unlisted Securities Market in 1984. In the six months to September. on turnover of £2.4 million, down 3.6 per cent on the same period last year, the company had a pre-tax loss of 622.383, against a £681,394 loss last time. Trading in the first half was slow, the board said. Holographic sales were below expectations because some orders were delayed.

Mid Kent edges up

MID Kent Holdings, the water company, reported a slight rise in pre-tax profits from £4.2 million to £4.3 million for the six months to the end of September. Operating profit was 5.4 per cent up, but Mid Kent said capital expenditure reduced the amount of interest received from cash balances. For the full year, Mid Kent said it was unlikely there would be any profit growth. The half-year dividend is up 5.5 per cent to 4.75p out of earnings up from 19.1p to 19.3p a share. The shares fell 1p to 253p.



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Power supply firms present scheme to save pit jobs

■ Regional electricity companies want to save 15,000 miners' jobs and half the pits threatened with closure by giving British Coal time to reduce its costs to world levels

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THREE regional electricity companies have blamed the government for the crisis in the coal industry, saying ministers failed to inject sufficient competition into power generation or give British Coal enough time to get costs down.
Half of the 31 pits threatened with closure could be saved, along with the jobs of

and Although

15,000 miners, under propos-als outlined to the trade and industry select committee enquiry into the coal industry by Norweb, Southern Electric and Yorkshire Electricity.

The power suppliers also called for the break-up of Britain's two biggest generators, National Power and PowerGen, into at least five competing companies.

Duncan Ross, chairman of Southern Electric, said region-al companies would like to buy more power generated by burning British-mined coal to meet their obligations to ensure a secure power supply. But they were reluctant to sign five-year contracts for large power volumes because their monopoly over the "franchise" market of small and mediumsized companies was being progressively removed.

He suggested the menopoly over the franchise market. should be extended until 1998. According to Southern, that would deprive mediumsized customers of a 0.1p KW/h reduction in power prices. However, all customers will receive a price cut of 0.3p/KWh as a result of British Coal's offer to cut its

effect next April.

We consider that the volume of medium-term contracts with British Coal currently envisaged - some 30 million tonnes — is limited principally by the size of the regional companies' franchise market and not by the total market for coal." Southern said in its submission

If the franchise boundary were to remain at 1 megawatt. it said, "we estimate the market for medium term British Coal contracts could be increased to some 55 million tonnes in 1993-4 and to some 45 million tonnes thereafter". A steady market of 45

million tonnes could require as many as 35 deep mines. and should provide British Coal with the breathing space needed to get its prices down to world market levels. The total market would remain at about 57 million tonnes and British Coal should be able to compete with increasing effectiveness against imports. which make up the balance of the market, as its costs fall.

The power companies were also critical of the creation of an electricity market in England and Wales where National Power and PowerGen, control more than 60 per cent of sales. Ken Harvey, chair-man of Norweb, said that a split into a larger number of competitors would create competition and presumably re-

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ML ready to stem its losses

By DEREK HARRIS

LOSSES continued in the first Holdings, the aerospace, defence and electronics group. However, in the wake of a recent top management shake-up the company said tougher financial controls were now producing improvements, with a promise of a return to profitability next

Turnover at £40.2 million was marginally up on the comparable period last year but the pre-tax loss stood at nearly £1.5 million, against a £1.3 million loss. There is no interim dividend. Much of the latest loss arose from a £1.1 million settlement of a legal action concerning a hovercraft

supply contract.
Substantial cost reductions had been achieved in the first weeks of the second half-year, said ML. It was confidently expected that this trend and some savings made in the first half would return the group to a "satisfactory" level of profitability next year. Sell-off candi-dates had been identified for when prices are right.

Boeing cuts jobs and production

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

SHARP cuts in the aerospace industry have forced Boeing, the world's leading aircraft maker, to slow production of two of its best selling aircraft and cut 2,500 jobs.

Monthly production of the 757 will drop by more than 40 per cent from 8.5 to 5 and for the wide-bodied 767 by 20 per cent from 5 to 4. The aircraft maker has already cut back on the twin-engine 737 model.

The latest cuts bring total job losses at Boeing this year to 11,500, or 8 per cent of the total. Almost half the cuts have been in the military operations. Job losses would have been higher had Boeing not planned the production of the new long-range 777 airliner

New orders for Boeing's 757 so far this year have totalled 15 aircraft, down 70 per cent from last year and 93 per cent lower than the peak in 1989. Boeing has orders for only ten model 767 planes this year, 85 per cent lower than a year ago and 92 per cent below its 1989 record.

Campaign launched to boost exports

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

THE government has unveiled its master plan for export promotion which it hopes will help recapture Brit-ain's diminished share of world trade and exceed the 1 per cent increase targeted by the CBI for the end of the

Richard Needham, the trade minister, launching the strategy in London yesterday. said that if forecasts for world growth were accurate, and Britain returned to the 7 per cent world share of capital goods exports it enjoyed in 1987, it would increase sales from nearly £10 billion in 1990 to £24 billion by 2000.

He said Britain had failed historically to match its competitors in the sophistication of its commercial and industrial infrastructure. The haphazard development of chambers of commerce, trade associanons and professional institutions, has led too often to nunnel vision, professional rivalry and inadequate networkhe said, adding that regional, national and international exhibition facilities were also inadequate.

Fears about recession in Germany and other key export markets, plus the spate of competitive devaluations since September, have prompted concern that British export performance, despite the sharp devaluation the pound, will continue to lag behind imports. The impressive growth rate for exports seen earlier in the recession has slowed, but exports have been maintained at a high level.

The strategy involves strong DTI support for the "Industry Year Celebration" planned in 1995, reinforcing the West Midlands campaign to revive the birthplace of the industrial revolution. It also foresees front-rank exporters being encouraged to play godfather to smaller exporting firms, increased "one-stop shop" facilities for exporters in the regions, and ensuring that adequate export credit guar-



Kwik Save unveils reshaped board

MONTHS of uncertainty over the future management structure of Kwik Save, Britain's biggest discount chain, ended vesterday with confirmation that Graeme Seabrook is stepping down as chief executive to take up a position in Hong Kong.
He will be succeeded next

June by Graeme Bowler, currently managing director of Franklins, a large Austratian discount food retailer.

Mr Seabrook has been appointed managing director of Dairy Farm International. which owns Franklins and is Kwik Save's largest

News of his departure caps a turbulent year in the boardroom. Simon Moffat resigned as group finance director in May, to join Hillsdown Holdings. He was replaced by Derek Pretty,

Yesterday, the group announced pre-tax profits of £110.6 million (£101.7 million) for the 52 weeks to August 29. The results compare with the previous 53week period. Turnover increased to £2.5 billion (£1.9 billion). Earnings per share were 48.21p (44.26p). A final dividend of 11.3p (10.4p) a share makes a total for the

year of 16p (14.7p). The shares slipped from 752p to 740p but recovered to 748p. Kwik Save has decided to open on the two Sundays before Christmas. despite its opposition to Sun-

day shopping. Mr Seabrook said: "Discounting is here to stay. Unlike the superstores, we sell at the lowest price we can afford rather than the highest price they can get away

Financing expansion out of debt rather than through rights issues has resulted in interest costs of £2.5 million. The company has borrowings of £6 million on a balance sheet of £300 million. Kwik Save has a strong presence in the Midlands, Wales and the North West but has no stores in Scotland or East Anglia and a limited presence in the South of England. Expansion is continuing and a new store is opening every week on

Marston brews up a 44% increase

BY OUR CITY STAFF

MARSTON, Thompson & Evershed, the Burton-on-Trent brewer, has announced interim pre-tax profits of £10.7 million, up 44 per cent over the same period last year. despite a market that Michael Hurdle, chairman, described as "tough".

The interim dividend is 1.45p (1.34p). Turnover, at £63.2 million, was nearly 9 per cent up on last time.

However, Mr Hurdle said that the beer market was characterised by "reticence on the part of customers and aggression on the part of competitors".

His comment comes amid suggestions in the trade that. as winter sales have fallen steeply in pubs, some brewers are overstocked and face having toshut down brewing for periods of a week or longer. Mr Hurdle said, however: These half-year results give me grounds for cautious

While sales in Marston's tied pubs were down margin-ally, external sales had more than compensated, he said.

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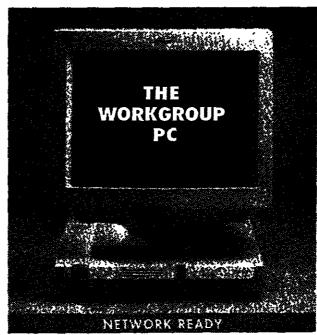
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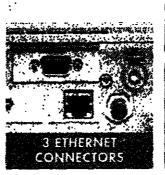
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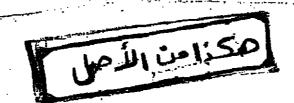
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Confidence sweetens Tate & Lyle decline

fered its first profits setback for 14 years, yet its management has raised the dividend and is full of confidence for the current year.

For an objective view, consider where the money was lost. The results for the year to end-September 1991 were restated downwards by almost £4 million to cover the cost of post-retirement provisions in

Then Tate & Lyle spent £16 million on re-organisation and redundancy, against £6 million last year, and knocked 57 million off the profit and loss account to cope with a write off on Sucralose, the new sweetener. But in turn. the profits benefited from a one-off settlement of £11.5 million from the American

tax authorities.
On the trading front, Western Sugar in America, which suffered from bad weather for beet storage, set Tate back £10 million, and Staley, the corn syrup producer, £30 million. compared to last year. Tate is blaming overcapacity, which was compounded by a cold. wet summer in northern America, in fact the third wettest and second coldest on

record this century. Much of the bad news and the good news was already in the price, but prospects for Staley are the key to any valuation of the shares. If Staley stays low, then the City expects £230 million in the current year. If in the next few

firm the directors' hopes of improvement then £250 million could be on the cards.

The shares have recovered from less than 300p in the past four months to 368p, up 12p. yesterday. At this level. they stand on a multiple of ings of 33p, assuming profits of £230 million. Assuming an 8 per cent rise in the dividend to 13p. the yield would be 4.7. Hold on for good news from Staley before buying

North West Water

GIVEN the amount of antipodean lager that has slipped down British throats over the past couple of decades. it would seem high time that the Australians drank some water courtesy of Britain.

North West Water, of which Bob Thian is the chief executive, is to be congratulated on winning two contracts to build and run water treatment plants in Sydney and Melbourne, therefore.

The contracts are a fair boost to the burgeoning but still underperforming process engineering side at North West, although they are dwarfed by the potential of a pending project in Buenos Aires, almost an all-British affair where the company is in competition both with Thames and a consortium that contains An-



Terms of triumph: Bob Thian won contracts in Australia for North West Water

glian. North West's core business continues to show resilience in the face of the

Falling volumes to large industrial consumers were more than balanced by an increasing take-up from smaller businesses.

The scale of cost savings being achieved left a 6 per cent increase in first-half pretax profits to £130.7 million, despite interest charges up from £2.4 million to £18.6

million. North West is rais-ing the dividend by a better than expected 9 per cent. North West is the only one

of the ten big water com-panies to be challenging the regulator over next year's price rises, and this, along with the sudden departure last month of the finance director, has undeniably held back the shares.

They now yield 5.9 per cent, barely ahead of the sector average. The omens for

a settlement with Ofwat by January are good, and this should provide some shortterm lift.

Rothmans

STERLING'S weakness will benefit Rothmans International's export activities in the remaining months of its financial year ending March, and increasingly so in the following full year, at a time when core tobacco and luxury

the going tough. Thanks to higher margins from tobacco, operating profits from leaf businesses rose from £180.1 million to £191.5 million, while operating profits from tuxury products inched forward from £20.5 million to £21.8 million. The group's famous cash

mountain — net liquid funds of £897.5 million, equivalent to 140p a share, and up from £770.4 million at end-March generated less net income, at £21.6 million (£33.1 million), because of lower interest rates, to leave group pretax profit for the period ended September a whisker

ahead at £266.5 million. Tobacco interests in various of its developed markets are not without their prob-lems, though these setbacks are somewhat offset by the fresh opportunities coming Rothmans' way in China and

eastern Europe.
The group justifies bolding onto its handsome home cash balances of £469.8 million at home and £427.7 million belonging to partly owned subsidiaries by pleading the need to fund expansion and

Meanwhile, the interim dividend is being raised from 3.75p to 4p a share.

Year-end pre-tax profits should rise to £597 million (£565.2 million) to put the shares at 610p. up 12p, on 13.4 times prospective earn-ings, which is fair rating while the recession rolls on.

Japanese shares rise for fifth day in a row

Tokyo - Japanese stocks end-ed higher for the fifth consecutive day, a first for this year. Brokers said an official hint that more fiscal stimulation was possible next year helped prices. as did institutional position adjustment because of yesterday being the final trading day for November delivery.

The 225-share Nikkei aerage was up 205.92 points. or 1.20 per cent, to 17,302.01, with an estimated 200 million shares traded.

Hideki Nakajima, of Cosmo Securities, said: "Today's gain was mostly on special monthend factors as the fundamental picture is unchanged. In particular, some managers of public pension and insurance funds wanted to boost holdings by November's end."

☐ Hong Kong — Shares ended lower in volatile but light trading, as the market stum-bled around for direction, players said. The Hang Seng index slipped 53.98 points to close at 5.918.54 after Tuesday's 78-point surge. It broke above the 6,000 level in the morning and then gave up most of Tuesday's gains in the afternoon. Sydney - Profit-taking in

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afternoon trade pulled Australian share prices off their highs, leaving the leading index to close slightly stronger. After climbing to a high of 1,463.8, the All-Ordinaries index fell back to close 9.1 points higher at 1,459.2.

Singapore — Shares ended mixed with Malaysian specu-

lative shares accounting for much of the busy turnover, brokers said. The Straits Times Industrial index closed only 0.45 point higher at 1,419.79.

Encouraging data send Dow 16 points higher

New York — American shares were higher in mid-morning trade, reflecting follow-through buying and a favourable response to the second consecutive day of encouraging economic data, an-alysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 16.48 points to 3,265.18 and advancing shares led declining shares by three to two.

Existing home sales in America rose 9.09 per cent in October. Jobless claims fell and third quarter real Gross Domestic Product was revised to a 3.9 per cent rise. Jim

Benning, a trader with BT Brokerage, said: "Everything was better than expected." ☐ Frankfurt — German shares ended a quiet session slightly firmer as short-covering gave prices an early lift but selling from the futures market later eroded gains. The DAX index climbed 7.44 points to 1.517.72, nearly 10 points below a mid-session high. Traders said there was speculation from abroad that the Bundesbank would cut interest rates, but that was greeted with scepticism in

STOCK MARKET

Glaxo slips as rival wins approval to market drug

SHARES in Glavo fell 2012p to 785p after SmithKline Beecham, one of its biggest rivals, was given approval to market its anti-vomiting drug in Europe. Glaxo launched Zofran, used to prevent vomiting and nausea during cancer

Henderson Crosthwaite is a buyer of ACT, the computer software group, up 7p at 137p. The shares fell 15 per cent last week after interim results. Henderson points out ACT enjoys a prospective p/e of 11.3, with earnings set to grow 11 per cent this year. It also has £17 million of cash.

meatment, in March 1990, and last year was believed to have achieved sales worth about £259 million in America, Japan and at least eight European countries.

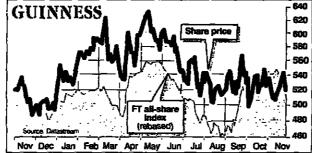
SmithKline, up 2p at 538p,

expects the European Patent Office to issue a patent for Kytril, its anti-emetic drug, to be issued within the next six months. At present, Kytril is only available intravenously. while Zofran can also be taken

Last night, Glaxo said it would oppose the grant in the patent office and seek to invalidate the patent in any country in which SmithKline sought to enforce it.

Also in the pharmaceutical sector. Fisons closed 10p higher in after-hours trading as it emerged that the group had sold its US and Canadian consumer health businesses to Ciba-Geigy for \$140 million. The business earned \$5.5 million last year and had a book value of \$25 million.

The rest of the equity market was dragged lower by the financial future where Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, was reported to be a big seller. In thin trading, the



ried by French threats to veto the agreement reached last week on Gatt world trade tarrifs. Turnover was a modest 522 million shares.

Guinness fell 11p to 522p after County NatWest, stockbroker, urged clients to topslice their holdings. But County believes that the shares will outperform on a longterm basis and says an underperformance of about 8 per

GOVERNMENT securities continued to shadow the fu-

FT-SE 100 index closed near its low for the day, down 17.5 cent would provide investors with a renewed buying opporat 2.709.6, with investors wor- tunity. Trading conditions are expected to be harsher in 1993 and this will be reflected in the group's rating.

TVS Entertainment, the independent television broadcaster, which is due to lose its franchise in January, fell 3p to 25 p after approving the bid from Pat Robertson, the American television evangelist. His company, Interna-tional Family Entertainment. has offered \$70 million but

was threatened by a counter bid from a mystery bidder. TVS recommended the offer from IFE after the third party pulled out. Rolls-Royce, the aeroengine

maker, recovered an early fall to finish 4p better at 96p. The group has won contracts to industrial turbines worth £25 million. National Power, down 82p at 2752p. is buying an £18 million generator for a Deeside power station and US Georgia Power is extending a combustion equipment deal.

Senior Engineering fell 24p to 704p after announcing plans to shed 90 jobs at its north London plant. The move is part of a restructuring programme following the decision to pull out of power generation and the supply of mining equipment. The mining business is for sale.

Pegasus, the USM computer consultancy, fell 42p to 86p after announcing that Jona-

BRITISH FUNDS

than Hubbard-Ford, chief executive, had resigned because of a difference in management style. James Minnotto, managing director, said the main aim of the board was to steer the group back to profitability.

Laporte, the chemicals group, fell 22p to 593p after a visit this week by analysts to its new absorbence plant. It says trading remains difficult. Brokers have cut their profit forecasts by £5 million to £85 million. The shares recently benefited from switching out of ICL

Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, climbed 12p to 277p helped by the latest surge of American

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Resolving the power impasse

The European Commission is mounting a serious effort to cut national subsidies to coal producers between 1994 and 1997. It is setting an orientation price to which the more expensive producers should work towards or cease production, based on this year's weighted average production costs. The Commission appears to calculate these at about £88 per tonne. Under the proposed new contracts between British Coal and the electricity industry. British Coal will not be able to sell as much as it wants at about £38 a tonne. That sets the debate about British pit closures in perspective.

All the main interests in the electricity industry have been telling the trade and industry select committee that at least some, probably half, the threatened pits need not close on economic grounds. Their ideas on how this might be done are almost universally self-serving, locked in old arguments designed to preserve their market power and put the blame on others. The distributors say they could sign more contracts for coal-fired power if they retained their monopoly franchise market at its present size and want the privatised generating companies broken up. The big generators want the franchise market reserved for their coal-fired power, so that they can undercut newer higher price gas stations with their own gas plants in an increased competitive sector. Nuclear Electric claims that its old Magnox stations are cheap to run and expensive to close, though that clashes with arguments north of the border. The regulator has nothing to say.

If Michael Heseltine wants a solution rather than an alibi, he will need to knock some heads together and rethink privatisation of British Coal, which is a key element in the debacle. Privatisation strategy was based on maximising profits and minimising risks. British Coal could supply about 10 to 15 million tonnes more than assumed at the new price without making losses on the extra tonnage, but profits on that business might be slim. It could displace most expected imports over the next couple of years by offering coal from its cheapest mines at a significantly lower price. That would, however, slash average profit margins, reduce free cash flow and make the business more risky for investors. This still looks the better option. Maintaining pits is the most sensible way to invest in future capacity, as reserves in other mines are quickly depleted.

Generators can be asked to co-operate on imports, and on maintaining stocks, if they are not to be regulated. Further ahead, when the bulk of new gas stations are due to come into operation, more drastic measures are needed. These are likely to include cancelling some gas contracts, phasing out the more costly Magnox stations and, provided that is done, reducing purchases of French nuclear power.

Western sunrise

merica's economic upturn has come too late for President Bush but, if sustained, will be the La best economic news for a long time. America may no longer be the locomotive for the world economy, but remains the most important single market. The surprising pace of third-quarter growth will also energise the debate about policy in Britain. As the National Institute emphasises, forecasting what will happen to Britain's economy next year is a game of chance, partly depending on the state of export markets. That uncertainty could easily tempt policymakers into piling on measures to stimulate recovery just to make sure, only to find the brakes have to be applied later. The combination of devaluation and interest rate cuts should provide a sufficiently powerful boost. The longer they take to work, however, the louder will grow the chorus demanding more.

Barclays investors look askance at the bank's balance of power

Andrew Buxton shortly becomes chairman as well as chief executive. Neil Bennett does not

expect the succession to be smooth

arclays is a bank under siege. Already hemmed in by a busted flush of property companies that cannot repay their multi-million pound loans and by thousands of small business customers who feel they are getting a raw deal, the bank is being drawn into a third and even more damaging conflict with its own shareholders.

The City's most powerful investors are quietly but firmly telling the bank they do not believe it has the management strength to guide it through the difficult times ahead. The result began lost April when The revolt began last April when Barclays announced that Andrew Buxton would succeed Sir John Quinton as chairman and chief executive in January.

The institutions have not only voiced their disquiet to Barclays. They have even written to the Bank of England to complain about the bank's decision to appoint a combined chairman and chief executive.

Mr Buxton has tried to defuse the confrontation by saying that if the task proves too much, the bank will appoint a separate chief executive. By making this concession he has backed himself into a corner and may well relinquish the chief executive role early next year. But he is adamant he will take up the twin posts in January as planned. Barclays argues that it has always combined the jobs of chairman and chief executive and that Mr Buxton will be supported by a capable team of executives and a large cast of non-executive directors, so that there is no need to split the roles. Shareholders are unconvinced.

If ever Bardays needed strong management it is now. The City believes the bank is heading for its first ever loss this year and will be forced to cut its dividend because of unparalleled bad debt provisions. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the bank's own securities house, suggests that Bardays is £1 billion underprovided against bad loans compared with its peers and forecasts that it will make a £65 million loss this year and reduce its total payout by a third.

A procession of Barclays' largest

and most favoured customers have hit the rocks in the past year, including Maxwell Communication Corporation, Mountleigh, and Olympia & York, developer of Canary Wharf. Elsewhere, the bank is involved in costly rescue operations.

As well as managing a tattered loan book, Mr Buxton must take an axe to his bank's cost structure. Retail hanking in Britain is undergoing an upheaval as the lenders rationalise their payment processing and cusomer service operations at the cost of tens of thousands of jobs. In the last fortnight, National Westminster and the Royal Bank of Scotland have announced projects to transform



Heir apparent: Sir John Quinton, left, is due to hand over the chairmanship of the bank to chief executive Andrew Buxton in January

their branch network and increase their selling power. Barclays must match them to hold its share of the retail banking market.

Mr Buxton must also stimulate loan and income growth as Britain emerges from recession and cope with any capital shortage caused by low profitability. He should ensure Barclays is well placed in the single European market and that BZW maintains its place in international capital and securities markets without incurring unnecessary risks.

In short, Mr Buxton faces a Herculean task, and institutional investors believe it is too much for one man, any man. "It's a huge job. Bardays' lending has been more imprudent than most, it has always underprovided and it has suffered a lot. Once a company starts to struggle it cannot afford to ignore the recommendations of the Cadbury Report." one leading shareholder said.

Mr Buxton will hold unparalleled responsibility. While Barclays has always combined the roles of chairman and chief executive, the chairman has always been able to rely on a second-in-command, originally titled senior general manager and later managing director.

Mr Buxton was managing director from 1988 until he became chief executive this year, and relieved Sir John of many of the daily pressures of running the bank. Now, however, the post has been scrapped. In its place by the chief executives of the two main divisions, Alastair Robinson from the retail bank and David Band at BZW. But there is no central figure to direct group operations apart from

In addition to some institutions' opposition in principle to the appointment there is disquiet among many that Mr Buxton is not the man for the job. that he is too heavily involved in the mistakes of the past to be able to make a fresh start.

Whenever Mr Buxton's rapid rise to power at Bardays is discussed, his membership of one of the bank's founding families is sure to be mentioned, perhaps unfairly. The Buxtons owned one of the local banks that were merged in 1894 to form Barclays, and there have been family members in the bank ever since.

joined the bank in 1963, aged 24, after graduating from Oxford. In 1970, after a spell in America, he was appointed a regional director of the Ipswich district. Five years later he became assistant general manager, and in 1979 was put in charge of the bank's corporate division. In the eighties the appointments began to flood in, including vice-chairman in 1985 and managing director in 1988, before

becoming deputy chairman last year. Despite his success, Mr Buxton can fail to win affection or admiration from staff or associates. "He's always very distant, not warm at all," said one former colleague who contrasted his coolness with Sir John's rapport un branch managers.

As managing director, Mr Buxton growth in lending for which Bardays is paying so dearly now. Until 1987, Bardays had been cautious in its lending policies, but then became worried that it was being left behind by NatWest, which had overtaken it

in profits and balance sheet size.

The bank decided to expand its way back to the top. The result was a record-breaking £921 million rights issue, which was scheduled for October 1987, but was postponed after the stock market crash. It was shelved again the following February and finally launched in June.

After the cash call, Barclays started lending with a vengeance. Loans ballooned by £16 billion in that year alone, and reached a record £98 billion by the end of 1990.

With hindsight, the eight-month delay of the rights issue may have been critical to the damage the bank's loan book is suffering. By the time the funds were collected the economy was overheating and many of the lending proposals the bank accepted then are those it is paying for so dearly today.
In the first half of this year the bank

made record bad debt provisions of £1.07 billion, effectively blowing the entire proceeds of the issue. "I hope none of us forget that rights issue and what it led to," said one institutional Bardays shareholder.

The big question is who, if anyone, Barclays will choose to share Mr Buxton's burden. Sir Peter Middleton, former permanent secretary at the Treasury and Bardays' deputy chairman, was an obvious choice as chairman and sources close to the bank say he was implicitly offered the oversaw much of the breakneck chair when be joined last year. But now Mr Buxton has been offered the chairman's job he is unlikely to

relinquish it. In any case, Sir Peter's outspoken criticism of the bank's lack of strategy and decision makingprocess have raised eyebrows in the City and fuelled stories of boardroom faction-fighting at the bank.

arclays' search for a chief executive will not be easy. The bank lost many of its best managers to rivals during the mid-eighties, including Malcolm Williamson, now chief ex-ecutive of Standard Chartered, Peter Ellwood, chief executive of TSB Group, and latterly Brian Pearse, chief executive at Midland.

One of these could be asked to return. They have demonstrated their abilities by tackling banks with complex problems, and an external appointment would satisfy the insti-utions who want to feel the bank can make a fresh start. Of the three, Mr Williamson is the most likely candidate since Mr Ellwood has only recently been promoted and Brian Pearse is 60 next year and may be looking forward to a quieter life.

Alternatively the bank could pro-mote internally. Mr Robinson may well be the board's first choice while Humphrey Norrington, the vicechairman, is a strong candidate.

Whoever accepts the job will need many skills and the capacity to work long hours to turn Bardays round. Most of all, he must have a common touch to inspire staff to pull together. sion difficulties quickly, morale will shareholders and leave its mark on the profit figures and share price.

> The cost of running a foreign account

Sir, Like Mrs P. Van Rappard (November 20), I have a dollar

income and have tried every

way to minimise exchange

charges. Unfortunately, if the

Canadian banks charge the

same as those in the US, then

Mr Hutchings's suggestion (November 24) of opening an

account over there, together with a Visa card, is not a cheap option. My US Visa card has a set annual fee of \$17.09. In

addition, the bank imposes a

monthly charge on my cheque account of \$7.25, if the balance drops below \$1,200. The

final irony, these charges are not tax deductable, so I pay tax

on income I never receive. It

appears that banks on both

64 Church Crescent, N10.

From Joan Salter

Whisky in store for Argyll

ARGYLL and Guinness were rivals yet again yesterday as runners-up in the Barclays Business Enterprise Awards, where it emerged that Argyll has still not quite got over losing Distillers to Guinness. Last year, it cheekily commissioned a 12-year malt and called it "Auld Acrimony" to celebrate winning £100 million damages from Guinness. Now, David Webster, deputy chairman, says Argyll has commissioned a 15-year old malt, destined for its Safeway chain, to mark the fifteenth anniversary of Argyll's founding. "You could say this second foray into the whisky market indicates we are still suffering some withdrawal symptoms at losing Distillers," quipped Webster, who set up Argyll with James Gulliver, a fellow Scotsmen, and Sir Alistair Grant, the chairman. in 1977. The new malt will be called "Argyll" and bear the food group's newly created tartan. "It has to be said we do still regret losing Distillers," Webster admitted. "We would have got a lot of enjoyment out of it and would certainly have moved our headquarters to Scotland." Guinness, observers will recall, promised to do just that, but later backed off.

Winning ways

WHILE the Oscars make actors coy about claiming credit. the Barclays Business Enterprise Awards seem to have stressed the relationship between Dorian Nineberg and Simon Cooney, joint manag-



Whent winning Vodafone

ing directors of First Security, one of the finalists. Cooney was called to accept his award from Baroness Denton, but to general bemusement Nineberg jumped up, too, and in-sisted on escorting him to the podium. Wags in the hall were half expecting them to troop up to collect the best company award handcuffed together, as befits a security firm, but the spotlight eluded them. The prize for Company of the Year went to Gerry Whent's Vodafone. Whent accepted happily - all by himself.

Centre stage

CITY thespians take to the boards next week for their annual Christmas break from the woes of the Square Mile. Inspired by the success of their last production, South Pacific, the Stock Exchange Dramatic Society has turned to Tom Stoppard's On the Razzle for their latest offering — the 199th in the society's 87-year history. The Serious Fraud Of-

fice has taken an interest - in the form of Kevin Dunnett, a law clerk on temporary assign-ment to the SFO, who is set to make a stunning debut as a waiter. Others in the cast include William Harrison-Wallace, a market-maker with SG Warburg. Sue Foister, of Royal Bank of Scotland, and Bernard Doogan, of Hargreaves. Reiss & Quinn, a Lloyd's bro-ker. The production runs at the Central Conference Centre, near the Barbican, from December 2 to 5.

Driving force FINANCIERS often go to

great lengths in the pursuit of new business, but Philip Kendall's performance will be hard to beat. Kendall, a corporate finance director at Samu-el Montagu and budding car enthusiast, has taken part in a gruelling 2,000-mile vintage car race across Mexico from Guaternala to Texas. "We had up to 20,000 villagers coming out to wave us on," says Ken-dall, who was paired with Christopher Bibb, a former captain in the Coldstream Guards, in a Jaguar XK140. one of two cars sponsored by Montagu. "We await to see what corporate finance business will arise from this trip." Mishaps aside — the car collided with a vulture and crashed into a barrier after a tyre blew up - the pair romped home in eleventh place in a field of 100, narrowly ahead of a GKN-sponsored entry and a car driven by Graham Walker, ex-deputy chairman of Argyll, which happens to be one of Montagu's clients.

DEBRA ISAAC | Heavitree, Exeter.

The case for closing pits and continuing the drive to cut costs

From the chairman of the years. We stated clearly at the duced by 36% in real terms ment, could result in perfor-British Coal Corporation Sir, I am gratified that your newspaper is continuing to devote attention to the important reviews of the coal industry currently being under-taken. However, I feel I must comment on two points raised in your leader article of yesterday.

Over the course of 10 months of the most intense and painstaking negotiations with our main customers, we have not reached agreement on new supply contracts. How-ever, as these negotiations progressed, it became all too clear to government and to British Coal that the maximum volume of coal for which the generating companies were prepared to contract next year was 40 million tonnes, declining still further in later

Due credit

off, so why not a tax regime

that encourages prompt pay-

ment, albeit only once a year at

the business year end? In computing business prof-

its for tax purposes why not disallow expenses which are

not paid within an agreed

credit period, to be approxi-

mated by some calculation of

say an average credit allowed

of 45 days. Everything owed

after that would only be

allowed in the following

accounting year when paid.

Your faithfully, STEPHEN GRATTON,

10 Hoker Road,

closure of some collieries which would have been profitable even at the prices we ex-pected to be agreed in the new contracts. In spite of the price competitiveness of these pits, both now and in the future. our customers were not prepared to contract for any additional coal. The market dictated their closure. I must also take exception with the implication of your article that British Coal man-

ment that it was this finite

nature of the market which

required us to proceed with the

agement are not continuing to plan for and implement significant cost reductions at all collieries. Our cost reduction record is one of which all in British Coal are proud, with unit costs having been re-

time of the closure announcesince 1985/86. Equally, we are determined that the scope for future increased efficiency must be achieved. We are of course required to operate within the law, and where we think there is good reason for legislative review to obtain further improvement, we have pressed government to take the necessary action. Even in the past few

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months, there have been some remarkable performance improvements at our collieries. better in many cases than Boyd anticipated in the short term in the report they compiled on 28 of our pits.

Many of Boyd's recommendations are based on a technical strategy already being pursued by British Coal, a strategy which we believe, and have stated clearly to governmance improvements at our pits at least equal to those projected by Boyd. Whilst there may be differences of detail and emphasis. Boyd's general conclusions can quite justifiably be regarded as a vindication of British Coal management.

You are correct in saying that more room in the market needs to be created for coal for a larger industry to survive. I welcome the reviews and hope that their outcome will provide a larger market and allow British Coal to demonstrate what we can achieve at our collieries.

Yours faithfully, J. NEIL CLARKE, Chairman. British Coal Corporation, Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, SW1.

sides of the Atlantic as well as the Inland Revenue think of Yours faithfully, JOAN SALTER

Spirits flagging From Joachim Sander Sir, I have been looking forward to the correct printing of my country's national flag in The Times. I was taken by surprise when I saw the version of the German flag (November 17). This time, you avoided the mistake of inverted printing, but have the order of colours (black, yellow, red instead of black, red, gold) rather mixed up. This bears more resemblance to the flag of Uganda than Germany's.

I am now looking forward to seeing the Belgian flag in due course as a renewed attempt of printing Germany's national flag correctly. Flaggingly yours, JOACHIM SANDER, 29 Stoneygate Court, London Road, Leicester.

Reform of personal taxation and meeting Revenue demands

introduced?

West Midlands.

From Mr Stephen Gration From Mr Alan Allsopp Sir, It would appear that a Sir, In commenting on the significant number of busi-1986 green paper on reforms of personal taxation Anna nesses fail because their cus-Lines observes that the government "inexplicably" failed to implement the tomers do not pay their bills within agreed credit periods. Unfortunately, legislation to force prompt settlement of proposed reform (November accounts appears some way

> explained to me quite clearly why they did not do so. They maintained that insufficient people had written supporting the proposals and that therefore they did not feel justified in implementing

May I say that the Treasury

I inferred from this "explanation" that folk didn't want their tax reduced, would bitterly resent it and would riot in the streets if tax reduction were wantonly visited upon

However, leaving to one side the Treasury's irrefutable logic, may I point out how

much single people stand to lose under the government's failure to reform personal taxation once the council tax is

Many of them are women

on very poor incomes indeed.

The 1986 proposals would have made them £215 better off to face the new tax. Yours faithfully, ALAN ALLSOPP, A. H. Allsopp Guidelines, 78 Erwall Road, Hall Green. Birmingham,

From Mr Michael Abbott Sir, I never thought that I would write in support of taxation but Mr A.G. Hebron's letter (November 24) suggesting the cessation of preference for Crown taxation,

makes me do so. Taxes are levied on the basis of a high yield of payment and

if this does not happen, it sets

off a spiral of increased taxation A small business can elect to pay value added tax on cash flow if it wishes, and many firms actually make a notional profit before the due date for payment

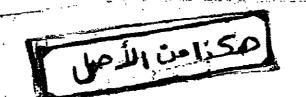
Pay as you earn is a deduction from wages and salaries and when deducted it is the property of the Crown and should be paid on due date - the money should not be used for other purposes. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ABBOTT, 56 Tothill Street. Minster, Kent

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Graham Searjeant and Robert Bruce on the APB green paper

Warm welcome to reform

By Graham Searjeant

The Future Development of Auditing, this week's green paper from the Auditing Pracnces Board, is as remarkable, on the surface, as its contents. Rarely can such a heavily and revolutionary agenda for reform have been greeted with such instant enthusiasm by any profession.

Ian Plaistowe, president of the ICAEW, saw the paper as a powerful stimulus to debate among all parties. Brandon Gough, senior partner of Coopers & Lybrand, said: "We are very pleased with what they have come out with. This is what people want". John Magill, national accounting director at Touche Ross, said: "The outcome of the debate raised by this excellent paper will set the course of auditing for the next ten years".

There is some hard common sense behind this welcome, as well as natural relief that the APB has produced something so positive, and which could rebuild auditors' self-esteem. Audit reform could be the best thing that has happened to the business of big accountancy firms since information technology.

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Audit partners have long been fed up with being the

THE welcome accorded to unregarded providers of basic The Future Development of income to cover the overheads, but are locked into a cycle of price competition that has made the stanutory audit of big companies' accounts more form than substance. So long as the finance director is the customer, this is what the customer wants.

Recession exposed that weakness by pricking the bubble in consultancy and corporate finance work. Expanding audit, in ways that add much more value to the service, could provide a stabler basis for the next phase of growth. Some audit bills could double. Apart from expanding con-

ventional audit to other public financial announcements, the APB's proposals embrace the Cadbury committee's call for auditors to vet compliance governance and internal risk management controls. They anticipate calls for new items in financial reports and, at least in principle, greater reponsibility to third parties. such as regulators, on anything from criminality to environmental performance.

The APB builds on earlier concessions obliging auditors to judge companies financial viability, taking them into



Bill Morrison, chairman of the Auditing Practices Board, and Citibank's John McFarlane

murky areas such as vulnerability to risk and even the style of management. The protective veil of the Caparo judg-ment is cast gallantly aside. Demands of Austin Mitchell and his academic advisers are taken on board.

Not long ago, such thoughts would have horrified the average auditor. However, John

McFarlane, the layman who led the group that turned the APB positive, has carefully linked extra responsibility and accountability with legal reforms limiting auditors' openended legal liability. Without offering reform, auditors would have little chance of early legal relief.

While some of the new

dainting, therefore, the downside is modest. The profession's leaders have enough confidence in Bill Morrison, the APB's canny chairman, to embrace the concept of compulsory rotation of audit firms, as well as partners, in return for multi-year audit contracts. This was dismissed as lunacy barely two years ago. The APB is trying to retain, within tighter limits, the commercial-

responsibilities would be

ly important freedom to offer other services to audit clients. David Lindsell of Ernst & Young offers a useful antidote to euphoria. Such reforms could take many years to become reality, during which they could widen the expectations gap. The DTI is not keen to take a lead or legislate, as the Cadbury committee realised. The CBI will hate both the cost and curbs on the power of the unitary board. Mr Morrison will need to mobilise a powerful lobby, including the institutes, to

What we all know but promptly forget

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BRUCE.

PROBABLY the most important paragraph in the revolutionary McFarlane report, The Future Development of Auditing, is number 4.2. It should be read by anyone involved in the increasingly tangled world of corporate governance, for it sets out what everyone knows but promptly forgets. It says: "There is a need to restate the basic principle reflected in company law: auditors are appointed by the shareholders, not the directors...auditors'

responsibility is to the shareholder group".

For auditors, and indeed most of the business world, this is seen as a polite fiction. Finance directors really appoint auditors. The traditional reappointment at a sparsely attended annual meeting is a stage-managed farce that has nothing to do with supposedly fierce audit independence and truth in financial reporting. "And who will propose the auditors?", boomed a chairman at an

AGM I went along to last week. There was a lengthy silence, then an embarrassed shareholder popped up hesi-tantly. "Oh dear", he said. "I thought I was seconding it." That is the level to which the contract between auditors and shareholders has sunk But the McFarlane report's reverberation through the corporate world, knows that change has to come, will be profound. For one thing, audit firms themselves are heavily criticised. The same paragraph 4.2 gets to the heart of more confusion, noting: "The colloquial use of the word client by auditors when referring to the company conveys the wrong relationship and adds

to confusion as to the role of audit. This should throw auditor terminology into a

lengthy period of re-examination.

On the evening after the report's publication, senior partners in one firm talked of political correctness finally reaching the world of audit. They had missed the point. Much of the trouble that auditors have had in recent years stems from such misunderstanding. By allowing directors to take advantage of the fiction that they, rather than shareholders, call the shots, auditors have lost the position of obdurate independence they need, in order to maintain their role. As a result, during a decade of corporate expansion and dubious accounting, they found themselves with no option other than full retreat. When accounting standards were first introduced there was a flurry of audit qualifications through the late 1970s. When it became obvious that no one

outside the profession was going to enforce them, companies simply ignored them. Audi-tors, as the head of the English ICA's auditing committee pointed out this week, had no option than to stop qualifying accounts. The results, as we now realise, were disastrous. A generation grew up which serviced rather than criticised the people they erroneously called clients. The real danger, as the report says, is a question of the attitude of mind

says, "is a question of the attitude of mind maintained by those involved in the audit."

That attitude of mind needs to be changed by a radically changed understanding of the principles. How many of those happily servicing their clients are, in the words of one of the report's list of enduring principles of auditing, "maintaining a stance of professional scepticism in their assessment of evidence"?

In large audit firms there is certainly scenticism of clients' behaviour, but that has scepticism of clients' behaviour, but that has

more to do with cynicism than a recognition that the firm could act to modify the

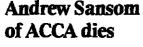
The other side of all this change is to ensure that shareholders start to take the solid stance which would make it work. It is all very well to call for a triangular structure where directors are goes on within a company, auditors rigorously check that out and shareholders crack the whip, but huge changes are needed to make it work. Shareholders, particularly institutional ones, have been reluctant to use their muscle in public. Now is the time to change. The report has many useful proposals and, unlike the forthcoming Cadbury report

on corporate governance, does not fight shy of legislation to bring about change.

The proposals also show that, with a heavy

involvement of non-practitioners, a radical report which demands action can be produced. We have moved away from when the centre of the profession dismissed wellmeaning reports which they knew no one would ever act upon. The downside is that its illogical structure becomes ever more obvious as a result. "The public becomes confused at the labyrinth of other bodies", said one nonpractitioner on the working party. And it all lends credence to one of the other ideas of the report -- to create "a single over-arching body

The author is Associate Editor



ANDREW Sansom, secretary of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants for many years, died last week while on his way to an opera performance in London. Mr Sansom, 55, joined ACCA in 1974 as administration secretary and was well known in accountancy circles. "It was a great shock," says David Bish-op, ACCA president, who joins mourners at a memorial service tomorrow. Mr Sansom spent 1 I years abroad with the colonial audit service in Tan-

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ganyika, as it then was, and Botswana, before returning to London in 1970. He leaves a wife and a son.

Green audits

MORE than 10 per cent of all mutual funds in America are now subject to some form of ethical screening, and green issues continue to grow in importance in the UK. The intricacies of green audits are examined in a new book Environmental Audit — The Background, Benefits and Fi-

nancial Implications, written by Michael Renger, a partner of Nabarro Nathanson, the law firm, and published by Accountancy Books. "There has been a great deal of speculation about the impact of environmental law upon UK bus-inesses," says Renger. "We felt very strongly that there was a real demand for a practical, hands-on guide that tells directors where, when and how to start." The book costs £25.

More details are available on

China disaster

THIS report from China is no joke. In Maoshan village, in the eastern Anhui province, seven people were killed and 19 injured when an accountant accidentally ignited 1,188 cases of firecrackers at a fireworks factory.

THANKS to Sanjay Jawa, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd investment management, for this thought: Why did the auditor cross the road? Because he did it last year.

JON ASHWORTH have any hope of turning ideas into reality.

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for the English Shakespeare Company ARIS

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typifies a new breed of book-club writers



CINEMA: Geoff Brown welcomes a strongly acted new film version of John Steinbeck's novel Of Mice and Men

Heroes who turn up in unlikely places

labourers struggle to get by during the Depression. One, Lennie, is a gentle man with a child's mind and a ferocious strength he finds hard to control; the other. George, acts as his parent and protector, sometimes grudg-ingly, mostly with pride. Working hard on a ranch, harassed by Curley, the boss's son, they dream of peaceful, better times running their own farm. Lennie will feed the rabbits; "Tell me about the rab-bits," he asks repeatedly. But Fate has a darker future in store.

The world knows the story, of course. John Steinbeck's novel Of Mice and Men has been successfully dramatised, widely translated, and transformed into a 1939 Hollywood classic with Lon Chaney Jr., Burgess Meredith and a magnifi-cent Copland score. But it bears retelling in sensitive hands, for Steinbeck's tale has the resonance of myth. Of Mice and Men recalls the need for friendship and dreams to combat hardship, and the danger of unprotected innocence.

The casting in Gary Sinise's impressive film may cause a gulp. John Malkovich is known on screen for his wily intelligence; yet here the seducer of Dangerous Liaisons stands with slightly crossed eyes, mouth agape, chunky with extra weight, struggling to grasp the simplest things. He first played Lennie in 1980 for Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, which Sinise co-founded when only 18 years old. Compared to Chaney's exuberant portrayal in Lewis Milestone's film, Malkovich is far cannier: this Lennie knows about artful pauses and Method acting. Yet his technique never

obtrudes upon the film's emotions. Sinise himself, a theatrical talent now spreading his wings into cinema, takes good care of George, as he did on stage. His is a worried. hard-bitten face, ideal for a tacitum loner worn down by life but still clutching at hope. In direction, too, Sinise favours a few, spare gestures: the incident with Candy's old dog, shot off-screen, is particularly poi-gnant, partly thanks to Ray Walston's affecting turn as Candy, the wizened ranch hand.

Most young moviegoers, however, expect something stronger or kinkier than a lumbering simpleOf Mice and Men (Curzon West End. PG)
Blade Runner (MGM Shaftesbury Avenue, 15) The Waterdance (Plaza, MGM Trocadero, 15)

ton dreaming of rabbits and the death of a four-legged friend. Sinise does at least offer the alluring Sherilyn Fenn (from Twin Peaks) in the enhanced role of Curley's frustrated, come-hither wife. Otherwise, Horton Foote's script springs few surprises: the story unfolds as it always has, though this time Milestone's soundstage interiors are largely replaced by dusty locations, wonderfully filmed in hot, golden colours by British cameraman Kenneth MacMillan. Given Stein-

beck's great sto-'With a great cast and a caring director, there is no need for fan-cy tricks. This is story, caring cast and director, a solid, moving achievement. there is no need will live.

Blade Runner has already earned its niche

in history. For better or worse — to my mind the latter — Ridley Scott's 1982 epic set and cyberpunk gadgetry, a decade in motion fantasy cinema's current obsession with chokingly dense visual effects, scanty or bewildering plots, marauding mutants and all-

pervasive black.

Ten years on, in this new "director's cut", the work of Scott's design team remains impressive. No science-fiction city since Metropolis has looked so awesome as this Los Angeles of 2019, with its encrusted pyramids of industrial might, towers belching acrid fire. huge videoscreens and neon adverts looming through foul brown air and rain-swept streets. But we pay a high price for the film's design fetish. Despite the wicked grin of Rutger Hauer's rebel android, far more fetching than the weary hero in pursuit, this is a monotonous tale, its dramatic life choked by visual artifice.

When first released after nervous studio tinkering, two points grated

with critics and public. Harrison Ford's hard-boiled narration jarred; while the film collapsed in the home stretch with a contrived happy ending for Ford, the android hunter, and Sean Young, the sinuous android dressed in Forties' high style. The present version. based on Scott's original cut, re-moves both blights. The thriller plot now chugs along unimpeded. and the end is bleaker. Along the way some scenes get tightened, others, particularly those with Ford

Blade Runner Mark Two is undoubtedly a better film, one no science-fiction devotee should miss. But it still seems a dangerous classic arid. monumental, a doleful signpost for fancy tricks' to a decade of films drenched

and Young, lengthened.

in black, smoke and cyberpunk gadgetry, a decade when high technology won and the

Yet hope springs eternal, for in The Waterdance the heart fights back. We are in a hospital's rehabilitation ward; our hero, a promising writer, lies flat on his back, slowly recovering from a broken neck, his head fixed in position by some medical variant of a crown of thorns. His fellow patients are all paraplegics: a burly redneck biker who spits out racist abuse, a fast-talking philanderer, and, in a private room, a spinal and brain cancer victim who can only manage groans and shouts.

Many other hospital movies have tried to celebrate the human spirit, only to fall into schematic writing and emotional bullying. Neal Jiminez's first film, co-directed with Michael Steinberg, never completely avoids these pitfalls, but there is a lightness and candour here that strident films such as The Men.

The title is plucked from one of the script's few fancy patches. Wesley Snipes (the philanderer, Raymond) dreams he is dancing on water: if he stops he drowns, so he must keep dancing. Luckily for us. Jiminez - best-known for his disturbing script for River's Edge finds many better ways to observe the human spirit's tenacity.

And he had no need for research. In 1984 Jiminez suffered a hiking accident (like Eric Stoltz's hero), and is now confined to a wheelchair. If escapades such as the patients' jaunt in a purloined van seem far-fetched, the obsession with virility definitely strikes home. How can a paraplegic enjoy sexual intercourse? The Waterdance, courageously, faces the question.

Performances are crucial to the film's success. Stoltz, no stranger to medical problems after suffering a distinguring disease in Bogdanovich's Mask, keeps self-pity at bay as the laconic Joel, whose good humour hides mounting despair, and who feels himself drifting from his married girlfriend (Helen Hunt). Snipes gives a showy turn as the glib ladies' man Raymond; though the most memorable patient is William Forsythe's Bloss, the mother's-boy biker forced to confront his own prejudices.

ovember's celluloid circus, the London Film Festival, has now left town, leaving behind memories of promising debuts, the crystalline new print of The Leopard and the inevitable duds that never lived up to the booklet's burbling. One excellent if melancholy programme sticks in the mind. The main feature was Ermanno Olmi's documentary poem Down the River, a beautifully photographed, muted cry of rage at the Po's pollution, matched to excerpts from Messiah.

The supporting short was an eight-minute wonder from the now half-paralysed Antonioni, a symbolic travelogue of Sicilian marvels, Noto Mandorli Vulcano Stromboli Carnivale. Antonioni began in documenta-ries; his first, indeed, was about the

Po. Poignantly, the wheel has come



Of Mice and Men: Lennie (John Malkovich) is a gentle man with a child's mind and a ferocious strength he finds hard to control: George (Gary Sinise) acts as his parent and protector

Losing a war but winning a battle

n July 1933, a young British screenwriter, Robert Stevenson, arrived at the Billancourt film studios near Paris, assigned to a prestigious new French produc-tion as "English dialogue director". The reason for this was that the film in question, The Battle (La Bataille), was being shot in French and English at once - a common practice at the time. To reach more markets, producers would make films in multiple versions with a different set of actors for each language. Some movies were shot in seven simultaneous versions.

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Stevenson later had a long directorial career that led from King Solomon's Mines through Jane Eyre (with Orson Welles) to Mary Poppins, but in 1933 he was still a writer, seconded from the Gaumont-British childse at Lime Gaumont-British studios at Lime Grove. His assignment must have seemed straightforward. But the film's title, he soon discovered, was singularly apt. As the shoot foun-dered, he sent informal reports back to his boss at Gaumont. Michael Balcon, in letters that have recently come to light.

La Bataille was a rip-roaring exotic melodrama, set in Japan during the Russo-Japanese War. A naval hero, Marquis Yorisaka, suspects his wife of intimacy with a visiting British naval officer. With visiting British naval officer. With expertise purloined from the Englishman. Yorisaka routs the enemy in a great sea battle. But his honour has been tainted by the suspected affair, and as victory celebrations erupt he commits hara-kiri.

The film's producer, Leon Garganoff, was an Armenian immigrant venturing into production with his newly-formed company, Lianofilm. It's his ambition." Stevenson reported. "to make a great French film out of gratitude to France who accepted him as an exile and enabled him to make a fortune out of film stock.

"He has got Nicolas Farkas, the most expensive cameraman in France; Bernard Zimmer, the most expensive scenario writer: and Charles Boyer and Annabella, two of the three most expensive French stars — and is rapidly losing all the fortune he made in France." Lianofilm had sent Farkas to Japan for authentic costumes and artefacts, enlisted the French navy for speciacular battle scenes off Touion, and were building elaborate sets at Billancourt.

Philip Kemp reveals the bizarre history behind a classic film from the Thirties, which receives a rare screening next week



John Loder, "a stolid figure", and Merie Oberon at the outset of her career, in The Battle

The British cast included Merle Oberon, at the outset of her career, and John Loder, a stolid figure best remembered as the undercover cop in Hitchcock's Sabotage. "Merie Oberon has been sold to them by the astate Korda as a big English star," noted Stevenson drily, "and they have engaged Loder for a difficult acting part under the impression that he is an actor."

Garganoff's unluckiest move was his choice of director. Victor Tourjansky had quite a reputation: director of acclaimed films in pre-Revolutionary Russia and later in France, First Assistant to Abel Gance on the monumental Napoléon. But he proved a disaster on La Bataille, insisting on an unspeak-able script and alienating cast and

crew with his intransigent

behaviour. "The more I see of foreign film studios," Stevenson wrote to Balcon, "the more I wonder why I ever leave London. For the first three days we did no work as the cameraman had lost his camera. On the fourth the assistant director pushed the director into a pond. Tourjansky has already been sacked three times but blankly refuses to go."

Perhaps angling for a rapid return to London, Stevenson sug-gested Garganoff cut his losses and drop the English-language version. But the producer wanted an international hit - and that meant the American market At the end of August Tourjansky

finally quit. "Little Garganoff paid him off in full, and the moment he received his last franc. Tourjansky consented to walk out. At least, what happened was that he drove away in a high-powered car, shout-ing the most filthy curses on poor line Garganoff's head."

Direction was taken over by Farkas, who began re-shooting from scratch. Stevenson and Bernard Zimmer were sent off to devise a fresh script. "This we did in four days. Unfortunately, we only worked in French and had only one copy of the new script — which was lost in the fire which burnt down

the studios the day we arrived back. "It also consumed all the clothes, uniforms and three sets, and all the properties from Japan. The negative of the two days with Farkas, our only good days, hadn't been put in the vaults, and was ruined by the

fire hoses. While Stevenson and Zimmer rewrote the script once more, the production decamped to the Joinville studios on the far side of Paris. Sets were rebuilt, local sources scoured for props and costumes, and shooting again re-started. With Farkas in charge things were smoother, but Tourjansky's malign influence still made itself felt.

Stevenson wrote: "Half the unit believe Tourjansky burnt down the studios himself. I am assured by everyone I meet that this is the most efficient unit in France, so I daren't think what the others are like."

hooting was further delayed when Merle Oberon, after a drenching with sea-spray, developed influenza. But against all the odds, hopelessly behind schedule, La Bataille was finally completed in mid-October — and turned out to be a fine film, a hit with public and reviewers alike. Boyer (who played in both French and English) was praised for his portrayal of a man trapped by a constricting moral code, and the battle scenes, unprecedented in their authenticity, aroused huge excitement. In America, where it was retitled Thunder in the East.

reviews verged on the ecstatic. Indeed for many of those con-cerned La Bataille was a lucky film. It clinched Boyer's reputation in Hollywood, and boosted Oberon's career she soon became Korda's top female star (and his wife). Back at Gaumont, Stevenson got his first film as director. Farkas directed several more films before emigrating to America, where he developed photographic techniques for the US Navy Even Tourjansky prospered. directing all over Europe before settling in Germany to make propaganda films for the Nazis.

Only poor Garganoff gained nothing from his film's success. He had dreamed of producing a prestige world-wide hit and, as in some fateful fairy tale, got his exact wish - at an awful price. La Bataille had gone wildly over-budget, and Lianofilm went bankrupt. Leon Garganoff, ruined, never produced another film, and vanished into obscurity.

● The Battle is showing at the National Film Theatre, London SEI (071-928 32321 on Monday at 6.15pm.

Lustre and lucre to the other Arthurian legend

FOR all the music-lovers who believe Arruro Toscanini to have been the greatest conductor of the 20th century, here is the ultimate Christmas present RCA Victor has released "The Complete Toscanini Edition", a monster collection of no fewer than 82 compact discs. The company daims it as the biggest "digital remastering" project ever, and it has been supervised by Jack Pfeiffer, who joined RCA in 1949 and worked with the fiery Italian maestro. The collection will sell for

ARTS BRIEFING

around £650, and Pfeiffer - who was also the recording producer for Heiletz, Horowitz, Rubinstein and Stokowski — will be talking about it at the Britten Theatre, Royal College of Music next Thursday at

THE Northern Arts Board has commissioned and accepted as tentative policy a new report on the future of drama in the region which recommends that fewer companies be supported and a new method of funding introduced. The report, a bit like a Green Paper, decides that "funds are being spread too thinly". Under the new "franchise fund-ing" a limited number of arts groups would receive support over a period of between two and five years, and awards would be made

promises that all present drama clients will be supported until the end of March 1994, and perhaps as consolation, that it would support more work aimed at "young people". Well Met FRANKFURT, unlovely centre of the German business world, is 964, the year in which it cele-

The NAB, which supports five

county theatre companies and a wide range of project companies.

preparing a cultural bonanza for brates its 1,200th anniversary. Among the events announced so far, the highlight will probably be a visit by the Metropolitan Opera of New York, which will take over the lavishly reconstructed Alte Oper for a four-day programme of perfor-mances in May 1994. James Levine, the Mer's artistic director. will conduct the season.

Last chance . . .

DRAMATICALLY and musically the densest, most complex of the Strauss/Hofmannsthal collabora-tions. Die Frau ohne Schatten is rarely staged successfully. Too often narrative is sacrificed to symbolism, and lushness obscures the score's essential delicacy. Covent Garden, however, in one of its best new productions for some time, has got things just about right: Bernard Haitink conducts with thoughtful authority, and there are vividly affecting performances. John Cox's staging is clear, efficient and as-sured. Only David Hockney's sets disappoint. Last performance is at the Royal Opera House (071-240





Grand Theatre, Church Street (0253 26372), tonight-Sat, 7 30pm

LEEDS: Bernard Linyd as Tevye. Beverley Nien as Gokla, trying to many off their daughters in Fiddler On The Bend

The Root West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 44211) Mon-Frt. 7.30pm, Sat. 8pm, mais Wed, 2pm. Sat, 4pm. Until Jan 23

MOLD: Kathryn Hunter and Philip

Sat, 2,45pm Until Dec 19

NORWICH: East Angles has always

had the advantage of being so near to and yet so har hom London, in nerms of an patronage, this meant that the local gentry had easy access to the latest from London and often held on to it to the local of the local of the

longer This remarkable survey of regional portraiture, Norfolk Portraits, ranges in time and style from Hilliand to Francis Bacon, and in subject matter

from royalty to garnel-eepers, prime ministers to fishermen. Fine examples

romases to tracement reteach place in many partiers such as Van Dyd. Lely and Sargent as well as the home-grown Hogarth and Sansborough Castle Museum, Castle Meadow 10005 223624). Mon-Sal., 10em-Spm, Sun, 2-Spm, unit Sunday.

SHEFFIELD: With the proup's Stars

album seemingly a permanent forture in the charts, the siky-voiced Mick

the charts, the say-volces was. Hudenal takes his soul group Samply Red out on the road for an extended four of the UK. Sheffield Arma (0742 565656), torught, fornomow, 7pm.

Madoc play accuser and victim in Whiting's The Devills new artistic director Helera Kau-Howson's debut production with the company Theatr Ctiwyd, County Cwic Centre (0352 755114) Tues-Sat, 7.45pmt, mat

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HAY FEVER: Maria Aitken and John Standing bewilder the weekend guests in Coward's excellent commody. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), opens lonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sar, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm

BOW DOWN: Harrison Britwiske's by Tony Harrison based on an ancient ballad about two sciens in love with the same main, is presented in a new production by Graham Devin. The programme includes the first European steging of Parabola, a treatment of the story of Deerleus by the Australia-tioned emphasized Anches Foot. based composer Andrew Ford Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7 45pm

MECKLENBURGH OPERA: The company presents the one-act chamber opera Petitied by the Czechoslovakian opera Petimed by the Uzechostovalnan composer Jura genes, whiten in 1974, so years after the Russian invasion of Czechostovaka. The opera tells the story of a young man and his grittend who, surrounded by spies and informers, give in to an atmosphere of mistrust. The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 1071-387 00311, tonight Sat, 8pm.

THE KOSH: This acrobatic dance troupe celebrates as tenth anniversary with a new version of its Endangered Species, a work co-directed, coisan Johnny Husch, a variety double act strugging to maintain their professional and personal, sansy Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kithum High

THE GHOST TRAIN: Amoid Ridley's classe; comedy-thriler set in a Cornish

Dosmer Werehouse, Eartham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 730pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 105mms

☐ IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in

UTT RUNS IN THE PAMILY: Cars in the hospital common room: malron ouraged, Joctors furnimized, Ray Cooney farce with loss of laughts Playthouse. Northumberland Avenue. WC2 (071-939: 4401). Mon-Pri, 6pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 135mms.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Arma

Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "inside: dealing"

but stylishly done Globe, Shaffesbury Avenue, W1 (071-434 5065) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mars Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 165mms

☐ JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley. Delightful cornedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kautman. Excellent cast led by Adam

Godley and Frank Lazarus. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9387), Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat, 3pm

IN KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:

Tremendously glossy production of the riander & Epb musical, it coarsens the

values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita. Avera makes a strilong vamp Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Sar, 8pm,

El LOST IN YONKERS: Termic performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Smort comedy more weightly than usual. Meureen Lipman gives good value as a toopy aunt. Strend, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sal, 7,30pm, mats Wed, Sal. 2 30pm 160mps.

LI MAKING IT BETTER: List, treachery and ambition revealed as an English couple harbour two Caechoslovalvan exiles, Jane Asher heads an exceptional cast in James Saunders's play. Criterion, Protadily Cucus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Fn. 8pm, Sat, 8 30pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 5 30pm.

☐ MURDER BY MRSADVENTURE: Gerald Harper and William Gaum play crime writers who fall out and pit their

wicked wirs against each other. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat. 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat. 5.30pm, 120mms.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE (18): New

roommate proves a creckpot. Nicely atmospheric, but the crudities mount.

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NEW RELEASES

mats Wed, Set, 3pm 160mms

MAKING IT BETTER: Lust.

ordrama Some dated assumptions

THEATRE GUIDE

Midlands offers two separate programmes Programme one includes the company promiser of Mark Batchwn's Gone, described as a charming and winy piece, performed to a set of plano sulles by Edward Greg. Programme two includes Subbhart Davies's Winsboro Cotton Mit Blues, a piece for len dencers, set to plano music by Fredenck Rosewski, combining the blues with the sound of textile mits.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

railway station one dark and rainy tight With Bit Oddie and Aden Gillet.

Lyric Hammersmith, Yung Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews from longht.

And MAGING COLEENS: A show or buss and sez, inspired by the Ad3 quilt in Washington, and celebrating the lives of some who have cled. King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-225, 1916) Tues-Sal, 8pm, mais Sal, Sun, 3-30pm.

KILLERS: Adam Pemak's play for the

Young wines i resultar motorules played by real-life brothers Mark and Siephen McGann) become lotters, one is catebrard, the other pureshood Theathe Upstatine, Royal Court, Steans Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat. 7 30pm, mat Sat, 3 30pm, Final week.

BLACKPOOL: The Rambert Dance Company's autumn four of the Miclands offers two saparate

Young Winers' Festival: two brothers

7.45pm, opens Dec 1 ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS: A show of

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lererny Kingston's assessmen of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only Some seets available Seets at all prices

MACBETH/THE TEMPEST: English Shakespeare Company with its blest modernish-dress productions Tony Haygarth as the ambilious laird. John Woodwine the ended Prospero

(see review, right)
Royatty, Ponugal Street (off Kingsway), WC2 (071-494 5020)
Tempest nanight, tomorow, 7 30pm. OUR SONG: Pater O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopause male's internation with a young woman Neetly done though we only hear the man's point of view Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fn, 8 15pm, Sat. 6pm and 8,45pm, 135mins

RADIO TIMES: Tony Stattery et a Li Hauso Times; Tony Seriey in a tra tra dour Memory Lane, sel in warime Broedcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-5040), Mon-Fn. 7 30pm, Sal, 8pm, mais Thurs, 2:30pm, Sal, 4:30pm 150mms

ITHE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alsom Seadman and Jane Homods in Jim Carteright's play about a styling research per raudius mother ingentous but incredible Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mms. SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION:

Stockard Charming as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence. Comady, Pariton Street, SW1 (071-857 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mals Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mms, Final week.

III STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in Dawd Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Sal, 8pm mat today, Sal, 4pm, 85mms.

☐ SQUARE ROUNDS: Science, good

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release scross the country

Lee as the resurrected Laura Palmer. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-936 0891) MGM Fulham Road (071-372 2636) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636

◆ THE CRYING GAME (18): IRA

gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's gritnend. Bold, powerlui Neil

Curzon West End (071-439 4805)
MGM Fulhem Roed (071-370 2636)
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

• HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15)

HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15)
Woody Allen's best ihm in years, a
lacerating tale of collapsing New York,
mamages Stars Allen, Mar Farrow
MGM Painton Street (171-300 0331)
Minema (171-335 4225) Odeon
Kensington (1/426 914866) Renoir
(1/71-327 8402),

◆ THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

CURRENT

putingly earnest. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252) Today, 2pm and 7-15pm, 165mms **IN THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A** A) THRIEE BRIDES ALIGHTING ON A
FIELD: Hamer Walter perfect again in
revival of this subtle, comic state-ofthe-nation play, set in a world of strifting
values and plummating art-proces.
Royal Court. Scores Square, SWI
(071-730 1745), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mail Sat,
con. 150mms.

tamous mumbon-makers. Largely female cast, good acting but off-

☐ TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: SIMON

☐ TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Simon Cadel, John Wells, Richard Kene, Christopher Gee play all 25 parts, male and lerrale, in cilles Havergal's manvellous, adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road.

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THEATRE: Martin Hoyle on a stripped-down, jazzed-up production of "the Scottish play"

Ambushed by his imagination

Macbeth Royalty

OF THE production cliches from the Seventies that dog much of Michael Bogdanov's work for the English Shakespeare Company, there is mercifully little in the Macbeth that has stalked its bloody way to London WC2. Little but still enough. This is a Macbeth in kilts, complete with piper (Robert A. White) and a Duncan who resembles a cross between Edward VII and George V. Inevitably the fighting is done in modern battle dress, swords and firearms incongruously mixed; and an over-emphatic literalness is summed up by Lady Macbeth's bottle of Scotch to illustrate "That which hath made them drunk hath made me bold".

To begin with, the stage is stacked with furniture, props and costume rails, as in Cheek by Jowl's Tempest four years ago. The boys and girls, obviously deciding to do the show right here, self-consciously rearrange things. Lady Macbeth weeps over a doll baby, comforted by three women. Then bang - here we go again, to Bogdanov machine-gun sound effects and blind-

ing batteries of light. The witches are bag ladies busy stripping corpses. Their first scene is pruned, a portent of the streamlining that enables the production to run without an interval for two and a half hours. Vast curtains back simply deployed furniture. The most striking item is the crane which lowers Banquo's ghost onto the festive board over which Macbeth has intoned Burns's address to the haggis after that delicacy has been piped in, as at any set-price all-in Scottish tourist evening.

The production's most interesting

THE foot-tapping beat reaches a climax, the spotlight isolates the top of the stairs behind the audience, and

there stands Josephine Baker, as

personified by Dawn Hope, ostrich

feathers foaming around her feet,

more feathers cresting her merry head.

and a snow-white sheath gown enclos-

As she steps down to the stage, Warren Wills's three-piece band on the

upper level, half-glimpsed through the

white drapes, strikes up the intro to "Only Make Believe" and Hope

begins to coo into the mike, caressing it

and us with languorous vowels, while

an impish mischief glints in her eyes.

On the last notes her self-possession

falters, the voice dies away and a

troubled stare replaces the gaze of a

star performer dispensing charm: per-

ing her from top to toe.



Lady Macbeth (Lynn Farleigh, "efficient") and the Thane himself (Tony Haygarth, "bluff and practical")

feature is Tony Haygarth. Stubby, even roly-poly, this Macbeth is not too bright; but sheer doggedness, luck and a refusal — or inability — to acknowledge difficulties have, slightly to his surprise, spun fortune's wheel in his

Haygarth plays him as a bluff soldier ambushed by his own imagination, surprised by the sensitivity he cannot recognise and will not own up to. Initially a tubby figure that would probably be happiest in a vest clutching a can of lager, he eventually attains a glimmering of the forces he has played with

and which have then played with him. "Is this a dagger that I see before me?" has the chirpy curiosity of a quartermaster taking an inventory. The requiem for Duncan — "Nothing can touch him now" — is a brisk resume of the military situation. He shows the practical man's exasperation at half-understood obstacles that cabin, crib and confine him. And his annoyance at the ghost - "When the brains were out the man would die, and there an end" - is a yelping crescendo of uncomprehending fury.

The interpretation is consistent,

though it lacks the voice beautiful. This Gregory Floy's precious Macduff supplies. Lynn Farleigh's efficient Lady Macbeth and Charles Simpson's Malcolm — livening up the English scene which can plod — provide decent support, though John Woodvine's adlibbing Porter falls slightly flar.

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Macbeth's throne, and both he and his enemies sport banners with the St Andrew's Cross. But Malcolm's English allies oddly brandish the Union Jack. Does perfidious Albion know something he doesn't?

Over-stuffed banana

haps the stardom, she must be thinking, is also only make believe.

Josephine BAC, Battersea

A couple of blokes emerge from behind the drapes and pick off her shimmering costume. She shrinks in height, as anyone would if divested of a head-dress three-foot high, and we are back at the start of Memory Lane, no longer commanding the Folies Bergères (where I hope the seats are more welcoming that at the BAC) but cowering in a small room in Philadel-

phia, aged 14, her immediate aim to land a job as a dancer. The scenes in Maureen Chadwick's

"musical play" that chart her heroine's climb up the ladder race through a variety of places with the same energy Hope herself throws into her role. As a sassy young hopeful she grins, gri-

maces, seldom exits without jerking her shoulders back as if they could touch her hips, and flings out her limbs like a starfish on speed. Philadelphia. Broadway, Paris, and then an image of the choices ahead of her neatly expressed as three impresarios offering various exotic hats. We even get to see her famous appearance wearing noth-ing but a girdle of bananas.

the campaign for civil rights, the stubborn refusal to economise and the difficulties facing her children's refuge - how did they turn out, I wonder? It is not that these vital contents of the Baker story are uninteresting but that they are laboriously extended. One damned crisis after another, apparently resolved by another stage triumph.

But then the story slows down into

Important chunks of the story never get told. Hope continues to be wonderful to watch, and in the good supporting cast Miquel Brown is specially strong as the redhead club owner Bricktop. But Maggie Norris's direction needs to cut 30 minutes from a show that, at three hours, is far too long to sit on a thin foam cushion for.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE: John Percival enjoys getting Stoned at Sadler's Wells with London Contemporary Dance Theatre

Mick, Keith, Charlie, Brian, Bill and Christopher Bruce

THE cheering began even before the dancers of London Contemporary Dance Theatre moved, as the sounds of the Rolling Stones came over the loudspeakers at Sadler's Wells on Tuesday to start Christopher Bruce's new ballet Rooster. And let me start with thankfulness for the care taken over the balance of the sound system; it is a change to hear recorded music in the theatre coming over loud and clear and not the least bit distorted.

Even with the competition for attention from Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall sitting in the front row of the circle, a few seats along from the Duke of York, Bruce's choreography held the audience throughout. Himself formerly one of the biggest stars of British dance he knows how to make his dancers look their best. As with his John Lennon ballet Working Class Hero, Bruce catches the heart of the eight songs, and adds his own dimension. He starts with the obvious cockerel strut of "Little Red Rooster" but neatly subverts the male cockiness



Obvious cockerel strut: Christopher Bruce's Rooster, for LCDT

of "Play With Fire" by having Kenneth Tharp's hitherto placid partner put down his admonitory finger with one

final detumescent slap. Bruce provides a darker side with Bernadette Iglich's sad portrait of poor

crazy "Ruby Tuesday", and Darshan Singh Bhuller's tormented solo to "Paint It Black", but mostly this is a high-spirited work, something for the dancers and audiences to relish. A special word is due for Marian Bruce, the choreographer's wife, who designed the colourful and evocative clothes: these are her first designs for the theatre, and she makes Rooster the evening's best-looking work.

Mark Morris's Motorcade is easily the worst looking thanks to the hideous effect on the dancers' figures of the shiny Lycra cyclists' costumes by Andrew Storer. Morris's choreography. occasionally stolid but often playful, deserves, and needs, better. It does benefit from its attractive score, Saint-Saëns's Septet.

The crisp energy of the dancers makes the most of limited material in Arnie Zane's Freedom of Information; but the advantage which Rooster has over the rest of this programme is that it offers content as well as form: a magic ingredient that could halt and reverse the recent trend towards falling audiences. And, following its success on Tuesday night, LCDT was quick to announce that Rooster will be added to the programme next Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5.

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale laments a certain lack of menace in an otherwise enjoyable production of West Side Story

eicester's city motto must have been invented by a chronically depressed alderman on getting up one rainy morning and looking out of his window at all that red brick It is, I believe, a numbing "semper eadern" or "always the same". Yet in one respect it is the friskiest town in the land. It has a theatre which stages lavish revivals of big musicals more frequently than any other, in or out of London: among others, Chicago, The King and I. Cabaret, High Society, Me and My Girl and Oklahoma!. At the Haynarket, "semper eadem" means al-

ways a good show around Christmas. So it proves this year. It could be objected that an adaptation of Romeo and Julie set in Hell's Kitchen is as Christmassy a prospect as the musical version of Lear hat its librettist, Stephen Sondheim, will doubtless concoct for us before long. But if West Side Story is not seasonal, it is certainly topical. "Immigrant scum", "spic", "wops", "get back where you came from", "they move in right under our rises and take it all away from us": it might be another friendly Friday night in

Achally, that unavoidable parallel creates problems for a director. The murders

There's a place for us (in Leicester)

in West Side Story are hot-headed and (except for the retributive killing of Tony, alias Romeo) almost accidental affairs. The general level of violence is more accurately conveyed by the Jet who enters with a slightly bleeding earlobe, the result of his having stink-bombed a shop owned by the father of a Shark. The task facing Paul Kerryson, then, is to remain faithful to Arthur Laurents's text, yet acknowledge the sheer malignity of the feelings on show. These days anything less will seem

It is a task he performs somewhat fitfully. The opening is superb. Against a towering backcoth of grey tenements merging into the anonymous New York murk, a phalanx of boys appears, followed by another. They stand very still for a long times then they begin to breathe more heavily; then breathing becomes whispers, whispers escalate into yells of rage, and suddenly racial slurs are viciously criss-crossing the stage. Again, Kerryson



The crew could be tougher and the production rougher: some of the cast of Paul Kerryson's staging would not survive on the streets of New York

does not stint on the scene in which Anita bravely crosses the cultural divide to bring the beleaguered Tony a message from his love, Maria. If Doc. alias Friar Lawrence, had delayed his entrance another minute. gang-rape would have been her fate.

Yet at other times both whites and Hispanics seem less menacing than they might. There are exceptions: Kieran Daniels's boorish, angry Action; Nick Ferranti, who plays Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks, with venomous grace. But I can imagine a tougher crew and a rougher production. I know that the period is the Fifties. I also know that, for all its creators' daring, this is still a Broadway show, not a piece of agitprop by Brecht or Bond. But there are boys on that Leicester stage who would not survive ten minutes in a primary school in today's

In the event, the Sharks come across more powerfully than the Jets. They dance with more concentrated verve and their

Puerto Rican accents are at least as penetrable as the rather poor American ones of their foes. Thanks to weak delivery, or bad miking, or a wrong balance between orchestra and singers. It is hard to follow the famous song in which the late invalidation. the Jets ironically claim to be depraved because they are deprived. As for the principals - well, Caroline O'Connor's fierce, feisty Anita is more memorable than either Paulette Ivory's gentle Maria or Paul Manuel's wispy Tony. It is true that she has the livelier part, but they are surprisingly lacking in sexual electricity or emotional rapport.

Never mind. It is still an evening worth coming from Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds or London to enjoy. Whatever the qualifications, how bold Laurents's book still seems, how beautifully judged the young Sondheim's lyrics are, and what a marvel Leonard Bernstein's score remains. Imagine a musical nowadays with anything to match "(I Want to be in) America", "Maria", "Somewhere (There's a Place for Us)", let alone all three plus four or five others scarcely less memorable. No, I can't either.

■ West Side Story is at the Haymarket Theatre. Leicester (0533 539797) until Jan 23

Readers upgrade to club class

LITERATURE: Book clubs are now offering their members the best

in new fiction. **Harry Eyres** reports

I suspect, would no sooner admit to being me imbers of a book club than aking their annual holiday at Buttins. My own image of bodsk clubs was formed early on. by horrifying episodes of Estil ier Rantzen's consumer wate chdeg programme, That's Life. Book clubs were shady organisations that lured un-wary punters with a tempting ngloffer of five classics in gold tooled imitation leather for \$0p, into an unbreakable itment to buy lorryloads of ciaffee-table books on Armour Through The Ages or the Big Cats of Tanganyika: the saume punters, then unable to pay for the postage to return these unwanted tomes, were faced with hatchet-faced repossession men on the doorstep. Only lat the eleventh hour were they served by one of Esther's

fearless young acolytes. This picture is not entirely untrue. The average book dub member, says John Roberts of Book Club Associates (BCA), the country's largest group of the sort of person who spends {time in bookshops*. Middle-of-the-road fiction (Wilbur Smith, Jeffrey Archer) and non-fiction leaning towards gardens and kitchens are the mainstays. An important market is served by specialist blook clubs (historical,

military sci-fi).

But how about a book club which offers the new Jeannette Winterson and the new Rose Tremain in soft covers only a couple of months after their hardback publication, and dis-counts off Gabriel Garcia Marquez in Penguin? Or another to which you can belong without any commit-

ment to buy a book? A quiet softback revolution has been occurring in the book club world over the last couple of years; here is a development which seems to offer publishers and authors access to a previously untapped market of serious book readers, who happen not to be bookshop-

The impetus behind these moves has come from America. Time-Warner has been running the Quality Paperback Bookclub for 17 years in the United States and membership now stands at around one million. Not so surprising. then, that Time-Warner should decide to set up a

similar operation here. The choice of a different name, The Softback Preview or TSP. may have more to do with the fact that Book Club Associates got advance notice of Time-Warner's plans and tried to see them off by launching Quality Paperbacks Direct, in May 1990, four months before TSP got underway. Two years on, QPD shares an expanding market with TSP.

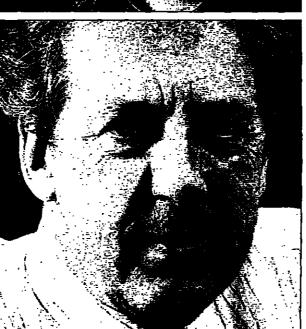
The Softback Preview is considered by most publishers to be the more enterprising and original of the two clubs. It certainly has a highly enthusiastic editor in Holifield, who produces a monthly Preview offering between 20 and 25 new books, spread between intelligent fiction and serious non-fiction. Most of these are soft-covered versions of hardbacks (good paper, larger print than paperbacks) brought out soon after the publisher's hardback at

half the price. The most revolutionary aspect of TSP, however, is that members are under no obligation to buy any books. Having taken up an initial offer of three books for £1 each, members can opt to buy nothing more, though they do have to sign and return a form cancelline the main selection every month for six months. This "no obligation" system required a controversial change in the Publishers' Association rules regarding book clubs.

members? "I tend to say that they are people who normally would not be seen dead in a book club," says Holifield. "They are serious, intelligent book readers, who are aware of the titles we offer, but have not got round to buying them." The titles in question presumably reflect Holifield's own taste as well as her idea of the market: the two latest Previews feature Peter Ackroyd's English Music and Paul Theroux's The Happy Isles of Oceania as their main selection; within there is a range of science, biography

and history. QPD may be slightly more middlebrow in appeal, but the two clubs are aiming at roughthe same market. John Roberts characterises OPD's members as "young and intelligent": the latest bi-monthly QPD Review offers fiction by Alice Walker, Rose Tremain







writers as (clockwise from top left) Jeanette Winterson, Rose Tremain, Paul Theroux and Malcolm Bradbury

and Malcolm Bradbury as well as Robert Harris's Fatherland and Barry Norman's 100 Best Films. The biggest difference from TSP may be a rechnical one: members must buy one book from each of OPD's six annual offers.

Neither Holifield nor Roberts is prepared to release membership figures; both. however, declare themselves well pleased with their progress after two years: "We are certainly meeting our pro-jected targets, says Holifield. Adds Roberts, we would probably be doing even better if it were not for the recession, but this is a successful, growing business.

The latest recruit to the quality paperback book club market has a reputation for

being one of the most innovative thinkers in publishing. Bill Buford of Granta has just launched the Granta Bookclub, primarily, he admits, as a way of selling *Granta*'s own books to the magazine's 60.000-80,000 subscribers. "We know exactly who our subscribers are: they are highly intelligent and they buy books. It just seems obvious to offer them the kind of books they want to buy anyway, at a

reduced price." The Granta Bookelub, like TSP, involves members in no obligation to buy any books at all; however, there is a fairly hefty catch, in that to join the Granta Bookclub you need to be a subscriber either to Granta itself or to the New York Review of Books. The

restricted range of books — all at present from Granta's own list - may widen if the club gets a favourable response

from Granta subscribers. Meanwhile, some elements of the retail book trade, notably John Hitchin of Phoenix Bookshops, president of the Bookseilers' Association, strongly resent the change of rules by the Publishers Association which enabled clubs like TSP to operate a "no obligation system". But, as Martin Goff of the Book Trust points out, "book clubs bring in new readers who are then more likely to buy books at bookshops." They also bring down unit costs on publishers print runs, add to authors royalties and make books

TELEVISION REVIEW: P.D. James is a more complex character than last night's BBC 2 profile suggested

resembles the headmistress of a rather decent girls' school and wears the expression of one who may be trying to remember the words of a hymn for morning assembly. More likely she is plotting murder, and murder in detail, at that the blood spurts this

Conviction, but no evidence

way and splashes that way and trickles in this direction across dead but still warm flesh. Not just any Tube.

P.D. James travels carefully in London, as if to avoid incur-TENDER IS THE MORTH



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ring a plot development from one of her own books. She avoids Tube stations that have lifts in favour of those that have escalators. She walks on the lit side of streets. She has seen the statistics and they mean that crime is getting worse. This is a most point, for in fact crime has become more reported without necessarily being more committed. Still, P.D. James is at heart

pessimistic.

Bookmark (BBC 2) gave itself over last night to our foremost woman writer of crime stories. The introduction said that she had taken the genre "closer to high art than any other living practitioner". Possibly, though this bland profile offered no evidence either way. But from Cover Her Face 30 years ago, a classic story of English rural murder, to the new and very. different The Children of Men. Phyllis James has produced a remarkably consistent body of work consistently

resourceful, consistently elegant, consistently violent. The programme did what these programmes often do. which is to intercut a straight interview with monochrome film sketches of the work. overlaid with readings from the books. Ah. um. I suppose the technique achieves something for somebody; for me it achieves irritation.

s a governor of the BBC, I daresay James has views on such gymnastics. No doubt her own Green Paper would be a finer piece of literature than this Tuesday's from the govern-ment, which effectively told the governors to govern less. Some of the governors, surely?

James is rather less interesting as an interviewee than she is on the printed page, but of course writers hold the best of themselves for their work. Here she was candid about an unhappy childhood, and she remembered, aged eight or nine, being scolded by her mother: "You're so cynical!" If cynicism in childhood is defined as a tendency to disbelieve adults, James was indeed cynical. And evidently remains so. She does not seem much enamoured of mankind, though she believes in the existence of God and His love: "On most other things I'm capable of doubt".

Capable also of homicide, but not murder. The former would be committed in defence of some family member, or against a putative rapist, whereas the latter has an element of pre-meditation which, for James, would rule it

These are fairly trite definitions, by which I mean ones to which most of us could give the nod. They were certainly given the nod in an unchallenging interview, which was either cut to accommodate the book extracts or simply not very incisive in the first place. Either way, there is more to P.D. James than was revealed

PETER BARNARD

BOOKMARK-

Is that a fly in my glass?

A BOOK-SIGNING by Ralph Steadman can be more like an art class. The man who has previously written "autobiographies" of Freud, Leonardo and the Almighty likes to customise each copy with an elaborate doodle on the endpapers. and for his guide to the world's wines has taken to travelling with a pot of slow-

drying pink paint.
At Ottakers bookshop in Timbridge Wells, the queue of would-be buyers of *The Grapes of Ralph* (Ebury Press, £19.99) became foot-

half-an-hour he finished only a handful of copies, which had to be carefully handled to prevent smudging. Finally the assistants got the message, gave in to the occasion, and opened a bottle or two of Chardonnay to hand round. Aficionados of the Stead-

sore and thirsty when in

man splatter may like to know that the insect-shaped blob on page 119 is no decoration: just a fly that was inadvertently squashed on the film and reproduced in the whole print-run.

From scratch

THE LATEST addition to Walker Books' "Decorative Arts Library" is rather a coup. Despite its modest appearance. Point Engraving on Glass (E9.99) is a short scholarly history of the art by its leading exponent. Laurence Whistler.

He surveys the pointillist technique from a few Roman survivals through the work of 18th-century Dutch portraitists to the British revival he himself led. Two crucial moments were the first stippled highlight (a single cherry in 1646) and the realisation that the engraver draws not in black but in light.

Since the catalogues of Whistler's own engravings are all out of print and expensive when found secondhand, the illustrations of some of his best goblets, bowls and windows make a welcome introduction to the subject.

I think I'll call it America

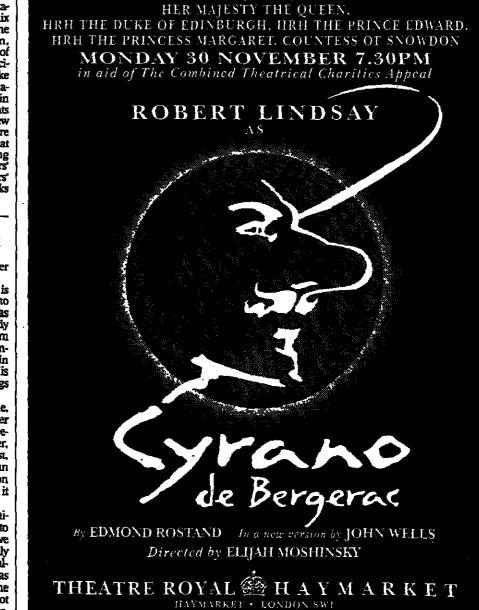
BYAM SHAW College of Art once declined a lecture about Saul Steinberg on the ground that the man who drew the world as seen from Manhattan is "not an artist". Arthur C. Danto could not disagree more. His introduction to The Discovery of America (Aurum, £30) claims "there is nothing in the whole history of art" to put alongside this drawing. This album collects Stein-

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berg's childlike yet sophisticated drawings, portraying America's brashness, egalitarianism, naivety knowingness. With cars people, animals, writing and houses made out of interchangeable materials, Steinberg's America is, as Danto says, "an Art Deco continent". But lately in the urban jumble, destruction is winning. When Mickey Mouse becomes a terrorist. what has happened to the

JIM MCCUE

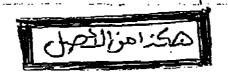
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Simon Jenkins

till the giantkiller! Slightly narrower in format, but no less clear, no less thorough ninth edition of The Times Atlas of the World (Times Books, £85) remains unsurpassed. Based on the Bartholomew map resource, the new edition is satellite assisted to make each dot accurate to within 1,000 metres. The gazetteer has grown to 210,000 place names. The edition even passes this year's updatedness test: it has Bosnia as a sovereign state (how long?) and the Aral Sea as a pathetic lake. But to show this is not a partisan review. I must gasp at the price of £85.

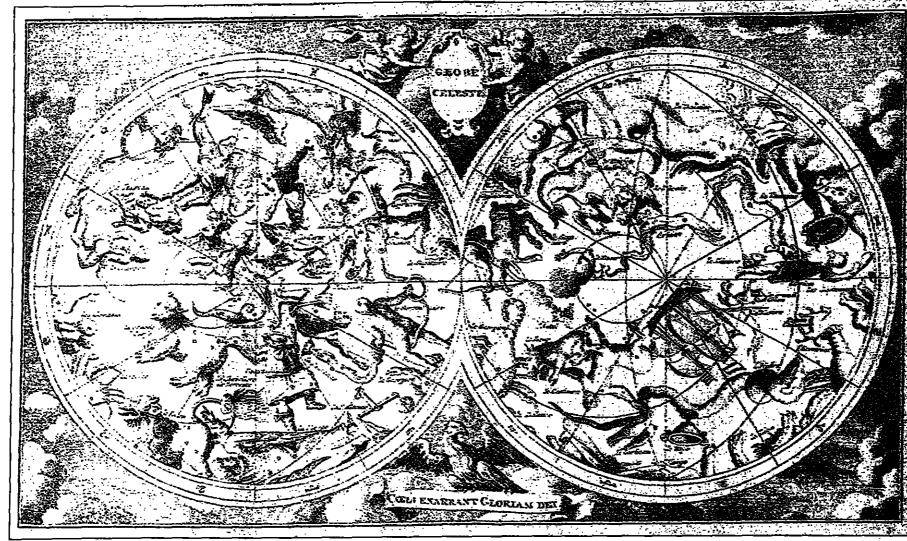
In his introduction to the Times atlas. H.A.G. Lewis points to the complexities that history sets in the way of the mapmaker. The location of a Middle East border or the spelling of a Chinese city is controversial, so much so that Times atlases are sometimes accused of being a cover for government policy. They are not. But maps have always been thus. Medieval geographers struggling to equate the Bible with the evidence of their eyes lived in fear of the Inquisition.

Columbus and the 1492 cente-nary has brought the Inquisition's bete noire. Ptolemy, back into fashion, though I am glad to see that his precursor Eratosthenes gets due credit in Birmingham Central Library's magnificent Atlas of Atlases: The Map Maker's Vision of the World (by Philip Allen, Ebury Press, £25). Eratosthenes correctly calculated the size of the earth by measuring the sun's shadow up and down the Nile. Ptolemy halved it and thus led Columbus to believe he had reached China when he was only in Cuba. The Birmingham volume is based on the city's superb collection of historic atlases. It is an excellent introduction to the subject.

Christopher Saxton's Sixteenth Century Maps (Swan Hill, £14.95) of English and Welsh counties is rather dull Reproductions adorn every country house hotel. But the Chatsworth set is well-produced and to see a great house publishing its collection in this way is welcome.

More original is Ashley BayntonWilliams's Town and City Maps of
the British Isles 1800-1855 (Studio Editions, £9.99). This was when small towns were becoming cities. Baynton-Williams and Studio have amassed a splendid collection from the Regency and Victorian cartographers, the A to Z of their day. Atlases are now entering the gift

business. The Historical Atlas of the Jewish People: From the Time of the Patriarchs to the Present edited by Eli Barnavi (Hutchinson, £30) is a lavish product, covering not just maps but the social geography of Judaism. I must also commend Margaret Oliphant's Atlas of the Ancient World: Charting the Great Civilizations of the Past (Ebury Press. £19.95) as an ideal school introduction to ancient



An 18th-century celestial map with graphic representations of the constellations published by Covens and Mortier; from Birmingham library's Atlas of Atlases

Feline fantasies and feathered fancies

enerally speaking, there are three types of cat book informative, humorous and cute. If information is what you're after, look no further than Desmond Morris's Catwatching (Arrow, £4.99), which gives you the lowdown on everything from moggynosh fads to catnip addiction. This is not a book for people who like pictures (there aren't any) but it's packed with arcane titbits. Did you know, for example, that Persian warriors, aware that the enemy would never lift a finger against their sacred animal, carried live cats into battle against the ancient Egyptians? Imagine all that mewing at Pelusium. For those who insist on illustra-

tions. Grace McHattie's Cat Tales (Ebury Press, £9.99) tells us which American president had his cat stuffed and donated to the Smithsonian Institute. Even prettier pics can be found in Celia Haddon's The Love of Cats (Headline, £8.99), cat-related verse by the likes of Swinburne and D.H. Lawrence; and in Parlour Cats: A Victorian Celebration (by Cynthia Hart, John Grossman and Josephine Banks, Ebury Press, £9.99), which says that Edgar Allan Poe's cat sat on his shoulder while he worked.

CATS Anne Billson

On the humorous front, Melissa Miller's Definitive IQ Test for Cats (Signet, £3.99) proved to be a laugh and a half, since my cat Tiger, demonstrably a contender for stupidest feline of all time. emerged with a score which placed her in the Mastermind category. Traudl and Walter Reiner's Astrology for Cats (Gollancz, £4.99) is of no use to Tiger at all, since neither of us has a clue when she was born. Nor was she amused by Simon Bond's Use of a Dead Cat in History (Mandarin, £4.99), schoolboy humour based on the stiff moggy motif.

Of all the humorous cat books. Terry Pratchett's The Unadultered Cat (Gollancz, £3.99) scored highest, simply because it was so obviously written by someone familiar with all those daft feline ties which cat-owners love to discuss. Cat-fanciers of a more traditional bent may prefer The Cat's Pyjamas (Methuen, £7.99), a small volume stuffed with Thelwell cartoons. Winner of this year's Cutest of the

Cute award is Leslie Anne Ivory's Perfect Little Cats (Pavillion, E6.99), a slim volume of finely whiskered pictures which comes packed in a slipcase with ten notelets. D.J. Enright's The Way of the Cat (Sinclair-Stevenson, £9.99) is a heavily anthropomorphised tale illustrated rather charmingly by Emma Chichester Clark. Home Life With Cats (Grafton, £6.99) is a set of 34 poems by Brian Aldiss. with accompanying pictures in that naive style in which the cats look a bit like tea-cosies.

There are more tea-cosies in My Cat Jeoffry (Pelham Books, £5.99) by Christopher Smart, an 18thcentury poet who eventually succumbed to religious mania and was confined to a madhouse, though we are not told whether Jeoffry with him. Weirdest of all is Impressionist

Cats (Thames & Hudson, £10.95). which is like something out of a Surrealist's nightmare: famous portraits by Manet, Renoir, Van Gogh et al repainted by Susan Herbert to give the figures fluffy feline heads. Tiger is no stranger to culture — she once watched an entire Krzysztof Kieslowski film because it had pigeons in it - but on the whole she prefers Photorealism.

Barnaby Briggs

aving the planet is a phrase that springs all too readily to the lips of newscasters and environmentalists, usually illustrated by flames engulfing rain forests. While the latter are in a terrible state, other natural habitats are threatened, too, and birds provide an obvious barometer of change.

Herbert Axell's autobiography, Of Birds and Men (Book Guild. £14.95), covers one man's contribution to bird conservation. Bert Axell has enriched the lives of thousands of birds, and birdwatchers, by designing and building "scrapes": shallow, shrimp-filled pools with hides around them. He has worked with birds from areas as diverse as Suffolk and Hong Kong, and his descriptions of birds' deaths either by the barrels of Mattese hunters, or a pet owner shooting his duck on a lead — are harrowing. His work in adapting pliers to put small metal rings on birds' legs vastly improved the process of ringing, a vital way of understanding bird migration.

Flying in the Face of Nature by Simon Barnes, (Pelham Books, £14.99) describes a year in the life of Minsmere Jeremy Sorensen, Axell's successor, explains the end-less battle to maintain a reserve where birds want to breed, people want to see them, and both come back in increasing numbers year after year. Barnes describes the exertions of the wardens so clearly that you almost feel the blisters, and with such sympathy for the birds that you want to go and help.

John Gooders has written many

books about birds, but none of them has photographs as stunning as those in the Survival Book of Birds (Boxtree/Anglia Survival, £19.99). Many of the pictures are the work of the scientists and film makers who have contributed to the Survival films, and all are of superb quality, composition and colour.

Unlike many colourful books, this has a text which is not just there to fill in the gaps. The world's birds are described by geographical areas, a method which illustrates their extraordinary diversity and some interesting similarities. Why, for example, did all the southern continents have huge walking birds like moas, ostriches and emus?

Laughs in the bath

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Lois Rathbone

n Englishman spends, on average, nearly five days a year, or one year of his life, in the bath and although 13 per cent of us (5 per cent in Wale) read in the tub, we are often stumped for suitable drip-dry material. Lito this gap springs Michael J. Cast with the admirable Grown Up's First Bath Book (The Windrush Press, 27.99). Made of waterproof, floatable soft plastic, and complete with pen (for cryptic and quick-dip tips for the traveller ("My bit toe is stuck in the tap" in Croafan), a brush-up lesson on boy-scout knots (for the soap-on-a-rope) and a useful bathtime keep-fit

Back on dry land, grown-ips face a range of adult pop-up books. Worthlest is The Art Pack by Christopher and Helen Irayling and Ron van der Meer (Ebury Press, £19.99), billed as a "Trique, Three-Dimensional Tour Through the Creation of Art". The pop-up Parthenon is brilliant. There is even an idiot's guide, on tage, to the 20 greatest works of art. Moving into the stratosphere Wegner's Heaven on Earth (Walker Books, £19.99), is for estrology nuts. Almost a pop-up, it has lots of ingenious slides and levers, and would last about two minutes with young children. The educational intent is undermined by a text which seems to draw on a thesaurus for inspiration. (Leos can be egocentric, arrogant, dominating despotic, conceited and bembastic)

For the amateur psychoanalyst The Doodle Dictionary (Robson Books, £3.99) is a minefield. Its compilers, Nancy Nelson and Alice Landry, are practising psychothera-pists who interpret doodles. Inevitably, we're talking Freud. Frogs, rabbits, horses, even pineapples are considered sexual objects. Illustrated with guest doodles from Ezra Pound, J.F. Kennedy and Barbara

Where's Charles and Dif (by Jim Becker, Andy Mayer, Bron Smith, Ten Speed Press, £5.95), perhaps a tactless question to ask, copies the successful format of the Where's Wally? children's books, with the royal couple artfully hidden in a succession of crowd scenes on royal tours. The supporting cast includes an estranged Duke and Duchess of York and a pack of wild corgis, but

somewhere the satire falls flat.
Finally, A Gambling Box, edited by Kate Pullinger (Redstone Press. £14.99), contains an idiosyncratic anthology of information, from cock-fighting in Bali to ancient Babylonian board games. Most novelty books tend to end up in the bottom drawer, this one might come in useful when the Trivial Pursuit set makes its appearance after lunch on Boxing Day.

Most human life is here

f a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, then encyclopaedias, ever popular at this time of year, should be lethal. Yet because we do not read them, but only dip into them, the damage done seems

Do not be fooled, however, into thinking that there is no risk involved. In the hands of a master, an encyclopaedia can be a powerful tool. Any young person placing regular reli-ance upon the new Oxford illustrated Encyclopedia of People and Cultures, edited by Richard Hoggart (OUP, £25), would, for example, become an innocent victim of Consider Hoggart's treat-

ment of sex and sexuality. Just seven headings cover the field directly. These are: Sex Differ-

ENCYCLOPAEDIAS

Walter Ellis

ences (in psychology), Sexism, Sexual Behaviour, Sexual Harassment, Sexually-Transmitted Diseases and Sexual Offences. There is no mention of mutual attraction or desire, still less of pleasure. The whole business of boy meets girl sounds profoundly depressing, and quite possibly criminal, with an overwhelming emphasis on prejudice and mental disorder.

Drinking, predictably, is dealt with under the heading Alcohol Abuse, with no testament to the wonders of fine wines, old whiskies or foaming pints. Women, beings of infi-

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nite variety, will find them-selves written up under the headings: Women's Movement (developing world), Women's Movement (Western world) and Women's Suffrage, all beneath a photograph of a gaggle of protesters outside Greenham Common. The compensation is that the book is massively comprehensive, intelligent and seductive. The good doctor, a wise commentator,

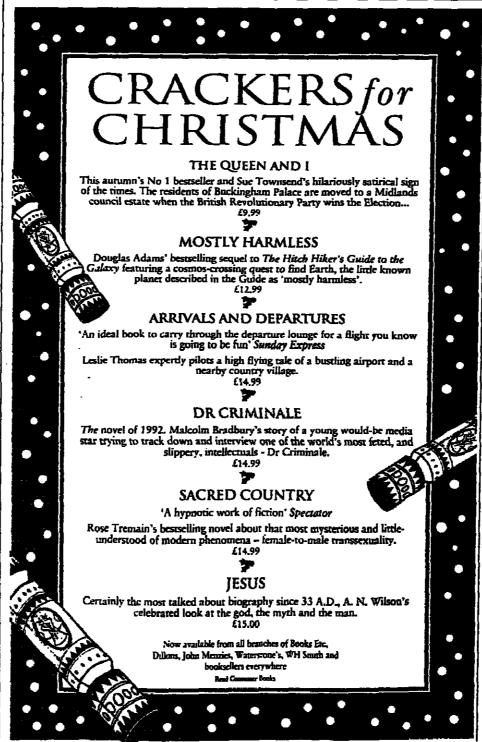
should rediscover joy.

J.M. Roberts's celebrated History of the World (Helicon. \$29.95), reissued and illustrated for the Christmas market, is another deeply serious volume, but with a more traditional unity of theme: how the entire globe reached its present pretty pass. Pre-imperial Africa, normally a closed book, is revealed to us: so are the first men, the Bible. the arts, the Renaissance, Marx, the sciences, Chinese agriculture, Homer, even Ronnie and Mikhail in postglasnost loving embrace. Dr Roberts has probably forgotten more than most people ever knew -- and it shows.

Guinness has come out with two excellent seasonal offerings. Its Encyclopedia of World History. (Guinness, £21.95) while obviously less demanding than the Roberts version, is well structured into 10-minute sight bites and incorporates a useful endsection Factfinder. The companion Encyclopedia of the Living World (Guinness. £21.95) does the same job for the plant and animal kingdoms. Both are lavishly

Finally, the World Encyclopedia of 20th Century Murder, by Jay Robert Nash (Headline, £25): all the gory details, complete with last moments and executions. Just the thing for a chilly Boxing

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... Times critics offer their selection of the best books for Christmas

Celebration of a golden age

he economy may lie in ruins but architectural books have never been more lavish. This Christmas the palm goes to a sumptu-ous folio-sized volume Sinan: Architect of Süleyman the Magnificent and the Ottoman Golden Age by John Freely and Augusto Romano Burelli (Thames and Hudson, £45). Sinan, born of Christian parents and taken into service as a Janis-sary, was as great an architect as Michelangelo and was the author of two of the grandest of all Islamic mosques, the Suleymaniye in Islambul and the Selimiye at Edirne, the latter built to edipse the great dome of Santa Sophia. He was also the architect of a series of small domed mosques, as beautiful as any of the Greck Cross churches of Renaissance Italy.

The text though short, is penetrating and the photographs supplemented by clever cut-away drawings. One of these shows that the bell-bottomed minarets at Edime contained triple inter-twining spiral staircases, capping the famous double flights at the Chateaux of

John Whitehead's The French Interior in the Eighteenth Century (Lawrence King, £30) is a dazzlingly fresh book on a much worked theme. He combines a dealer's understanding of the way things are made, with great knowledge, lightly worn, of Parisian houses, chateaux and royal palaces. The text is spiced with anusting quotations from enterpresent amusing quotations from contemporary letters and journals. The illustrations are accompanied by long and observant captions. Particularly intriguing is a dice throwing machine, designed so backgammon could be played without the rattle and clatter of dice.

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Wendell Garrett's Classic America:
The Federal Style and Beyond (Rizzoli, £50) is a visually enthralling introduction to some of America's most beautiful buildings, ringing the changes by mixing domestic architecture with churches, court houses and capitols. Paul Rocheleau's photographs of interiors, often spread across two pages, give you the feeling of plvysically stepoing into a room, and physically stepping into a room, and thanks to the persistent use of an oldfashioned plate camera even the smallest details are pin sharp. Many of the New England houses are the more beautiful for

being photographed in the snow.

Brilliant photography by Jacqueline
O'Brien also makes Desmond Guinness's Great Irish Castles and Houses (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, E30) a mesmerising read. Many of her exteriors are taken from a helicopter, combining architecture, gardens and wider landscape as in an 18th-century birds-eye

ARCHITECTURE

Marcus Binney

view. This leaves space for a much larger selection of interiors of each house in what would otherwise be a breathless gallop.

would otherwise be a breathless gallap. Guinness writes with an intimacy and affection that only a lifetime of country house visiting can bring. North of the border, Hugh Cantile's Ancestral Houses of Scotland (Collins & Brown, £14.99) is also strongly atmospheric and the text good on family history.

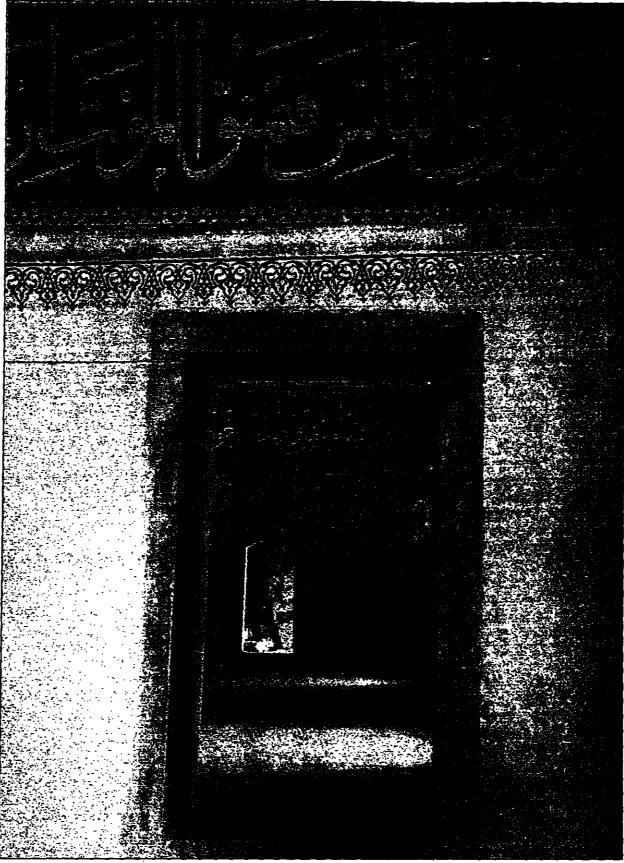
The desire to bring architecture to a wider audience is the main spring of Adam Style and Regency Style (Phaidon, £29.95 each) both by Steven Parissien. He shows how the Georgian house was put together from the front railings to the kitchen range. For a very grand present the answer is Boughton House: The English Versailles (Faber, £100). No one person could write authoritatively on every aspect of Boughton's architecture, interiors and landscape, and Tessa Murinteriors and landscape, and Tessa Murdoch, as editor, has done a masterly job in weaving contributions from 21 academics into a seamless row.

The late Canon Basil Clarke used to contend that he had set a record by visiting more than 11,000 English parish churches. Aspiring rivals could not do better than acquire a copy of Robert Harbison's Shell Guide to English Parish Churches (André Deutsch, £19.99). What makes this superior to Pevsner's county guides is that the entries give a feel for both the beauty of the setting and the atmosphere of the interior, qualities crucial in assessing how rewarding a church will be to visit.

Brian Bruce Taylor's Pierre Chareau Designer and Architect (Benedikt Taschen Verlag, £9.95) is first and foremost a study of the Maison de Verre, the 1930s house that had a transforming influence on today's high tech architects. Built of translucent bricks, like pavement lights, for a doctor who wanted consulting rooms with both strong natural light and privacy, the walls of glass have an unexpected affinity with the oriels in great

Elizabethan houses such as Hardwick.

Barn: The Art of a Working Building (Cassell, £25) by Elric Endersby, Alexander Greenwood and David Larkin has a text which consists entirely of extended captions but through handsome photographs and observant writing ennobles its subject. The interiors of converted barns in America are specially impressive. Using only natural wood, they are the modern counterpart of medieval great halls.



Master's touch: ceramic panels quoting extracts from the Koran in passages leading to rooms for meditation and prayer in the mosque at Kadirga Liman; from Sinan, published by Thames and Hudson. Photograph by Ara Guler

Now who said that first?

REFERENCE

Philip Howard

eference books are suitable Christ-mas presents for the bookish, if you are not confident enough to inflict their reading on them, do not know whether they own the book already, and wish to avoid the amiable cop-out of a book-token. The fourth edition of The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, edited by Angela Partington (OUP, £25), is the biggest boat in the reference armada. beautifully designed and arranged. It has 40 per cent new entries, arranged alphabetically by authors from Anita Brookner to Alice Walker, and Woody Allen to Julian Barnes. The trouble is that any bookish person is going to own a previous edition, which is more satisfactory than this new edition on the quotes that have become part of the literary freemasonry. It takes time for a quotation to become part of the parole of the nation. and too many of the modern quotations read like literary mayflies rather than parrots with a shelf-life for the centuries. The Bloomsbury Concise Dictionary of Quotations, edited by Anne Stibbs and John Daintith (Bloomsbury, £12.99) is one of the genre of thesauruses arranged alphabetically by themes such as virtue and vice, rabbits and ruthlessness, snobbery and (invariably the biggest entry) sex.

The Oxford Dictionary of Modern

Slang, edited by John Ayio and John Simpson (joint editors of The Oxford English Dictionary) (OUP, £13.95) preserves the latest of the most evanescent registers of language, with citations from rags and mags and literary authors. Why rags and mags and nierary authors, why no "Essex girl"? Ed. The Methuen Dictionary of Clichés, edited by Christine Ammer (Methuen, £15.99) seems a perverse undertaking, like a collection of ilu germs, since good writers are supposed to avoid cliches like the Plague. Bathroom book for those who like to know who first

plagiarised stiff upper lips.

Brewer's Myth and Legend, edited by J.C. Cooper (Cassell, £12.99), brings in myths from cultures too exotic by the founding fathers. If great giants of the world or horses in legend are your bag, here are hereds of them. Brewer's Names, edited by that folly legistations is Advised. edited by that jolly lexicographer Adrian Room (Cassell, £16.99), is useful and fun.

The Times Guide to English Style and Usage, edited by Simon Jenkins (Times Books, £7.99), gives the changing rules we make for English at the word laboratory You do not have to agree with it all.

Heard the one about the clown princes?

ecently I reviewed a book about a fat woman who became a famous thin one the singer Maria Calias. Here, we have a fat man who became almost a decade after Callas's diet. a famous thin one: the actor Peter Sellers. The connections, oddly, don't end there; like Callas's. Sellers's genius was elusive. Both stars went periodically off the boil and made a series of comebacks: both had startlingly bleak personal lives, and both finally went out of control. Both also died at the age of 54 — Sellers in 1980.

three years after Callas. Sellers was, frankly, better the younger and podgier he was. The poised anarchy of his comedy was never sharper than in his Goon Show days in the 1950s; and he turned in very decent performances in films such as The Ladykillers



(1956) and The Naked Truth (1958). His long-term problem seems to have been that he was almost schizoid. In a frank interview with Blake Edwards director of the Pink Panther films) at the end of Michael Starr's Peter Sellers: A Film History (Robert Hale, £14.95), we read: "Sellers would have gone on to become crazier and crazier ... I think he was so close to being certifiable, and I don't say that facetiously, that at some point in his life he would have... killed himself." Elsewhere Ed-

wards suggests Sellers was a "paranoid schizophrenic". This is all rather surprising. Can the succession of genial, downtrodden hommes moyens sensuels played by Sellers, culminating in the epic buffoonery of Inspector Chouseau, have hidden someone quite so unstable? The four decades he had television answer is yes, but Starr's book audiences chortling every-is not the one to tell us about it. where The most amazing His 230-odd pages of dreary text trace Sellers's career through individualised accounts of his 43 films; and though reminding us how incomparable some of his

performances were — in films such as I'm All Right, Jack, Dr Strangelove and Being There — Starr can only glance at the persistent, sometimes debilitations are repossible flow that tating personality flaws that haunted Sellers's complex ge-nius. For a full analysis, a real biography is called for. Given Sellers's extraordi-

nary range, an account of his life might run "the Many Ages of Peter Sellers". No such variety with Benny Hill: the

tubby cherub with the wicked grin and seaside postcard sense of humour had one age thing about Hill was his exportability: Europe loved him: America doted on him. Thames Television dropped him in 1989, and he died three years later.

hat, in essence, is the Hill story: a simple one of global success ending in petty sadness. The two biographies on offer here, one by Hill's "best friend" Dennis Kirkland, Benny: The True Story (Smith Gryphon, £15.99), the other by Daily Express columnist Margaret Forwood, The Real Benny Hill (Robson Books, £14.95).

have a hard job embellishing

this. Hill did not lead an £12.99) a homage to both interesting life. Still, the aucomedians, touches on sex but thors only had seven months to get their hard cover obits ready for Christmas, so a gripping and revealing read from either is hardly to be expected.

William Hall's biggest mis-take in Titter Ye Not (Grafton. £5.99 pbk), a flimsy life of Frankie Howerd, who died on the same day this year - Easter Day - as Hill, is that he attempts to be as witty in his tabloid prose as Howerd was in his stand-up routines. And Frankie was always best in the flesh (not an attempt at a Howerd joke). He led a more colourful life, too, than Hill, being, for starters, openly and promiscuously gay - not that Hall makes much of this.

Barry Took's anodyne double profile in Star Turns, (Weidenfeld & Nicolson,

is psychologically unilluminating. Rather, the book serves to show how different the comedians were - Hill a master of television, Howerd of working a live audience, as his brilliant 1990 performance at the Oxford Union

Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones are from a younger comic generation. Their new show is on our screens, now. The dialogues collected in Head to Head: Smith and Joues (Fontana, £5.99), a stocking-filler pamphlet, are from a previous series. Jokes from crackers are what people read at Christmas, not old scripts. So you could, of course, use the book for laying the turkey remains on. Or not buy it, and watch the new show

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Rex Harrison was a man who hated being spotted outdoors, let alone on stage or screen, either without his toupee or with his glasses. Nor could he bear to be seen being driven by a woman. So he would halfblindly steer his Rolls Royce out of the drive and then, having checked that no papa-razzi were about, hand over the wheel to whichever of his six wives he happened to be married to at the time. That is one of the less

damaging anecdotes in Alexander Walker's biography of Harrison, Fatal Charm (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.99), but it sums up much. What was he but a light comedian of great technical expertise, in other words a first-rate second-rater? And yet he spent his life guarding his image like a Byzantine emper-or his throne. Plays had to be rewritten, producers harassed, fellow-actors humiliated or sacked, if they did not pros-trate themselves before his mad, narcissistic ego. There was, finally, a terrifying pettiness about Tyrannosaurus Rex, as he was known in the

Walker's is a fine biography, which chronicles the career with deft insight and brings to life the man with understanding and, all things considered, forbearance. The Harrison he shows us is cruel, vain, con-fully Yours? Instead of calling



temptuous of others, ruthless in his pursuit of his own ends, snobbish, lecherous, envious, disloyal, mysogynistic, and much else besides. His very last words, addressed to a solicitor's son from his hospital bed, were all too characteristic: "I'll tell you what you can do. You can drop dead."

True, he could occasionally be generous and, true, he probably suffered from feelings of insecurity; but does insecurity justify, say, his reac-tion to finding that one of his mistresses. Carole Landis, had overdosed on pills while he was shooting the film Unfaith-

Harrison and O'Toole: in the limelight, on and off stage

an ambulance, he opted for damage-limitation and image-control, and by the time a doctor saw her, she was way past reviving.

Walker has, of course, the advantage of having a dead monster to anatomise. Writing about the living is a trickier

enterprise. That is especially so if, like Albert Finney, they decline to be formally interviewed, and almost more so if, like Peter O'Toole, they insist on doing the interviewing themselves. Thus Quentin Falk breezes competently enough through Finney's career in Albert Finney in

truculent assurance and his capacity for leadership should have ensured. Nor does O'Toole's roistering prose in Loitering with Intent (Mac-millan, £14.99) — "also shall I drink hot gin and piss in your grave", he shouts across the years to a drinking chum implausibly called O'Liver leave one with more than an impressionistic idea of the racy childhood and racier youth he describes.

Still, Michael Coveney with Maggie Smith, A Bright Particular Star (Gollancz, £16.99) shows how to treat a subject who politely refuses to think herself worth writing or reading about. Go with the reclusiveness, because it may be more significant than another's babble. Thus he gives us a readable and intelligent account of Maggie Smith's background and career, while suggesting why she is more, much more than a light comedienne. She is, as she said in an unguarded moment, "always living behind myself". Whether a cold Scots mother is enough to explain the pain and anger half-visible behind the immaculately timed drolleries. Coveriey cannot of course say, but those feelings are there, quietly adding tension and texture - in short,





Court of Appeal

Law Report November 26 1992

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

No exemplary damages in public nuisance

West Water Services Ltd Before Sir Thomas Bingham. Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Simon Brown

Judgment November 16] Where the plaintiffs' cause of action lay in public nuisance. a claim for exemplary damages was

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the defendants. South West Water Services Ltd. from Mr Justice Wright (1992) 4 All ER 574) who had dismissed their application to strike out paragraphs from a master statement of daim seeking exemplary damages and aggravated damages in a group action brought by 180 plaintiffs who had drunk water which became contaminated in the defendants' drinking water system at their treatment works at

Mr Christopher Symons, QC and Mr Jonathan Nash for the defendants; Mr John Melville Williams, QC, Mr Charles Pugh and Mr Simon Freeland for the

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that a number of causes of action had been alleged: inter alia, that there was a public nuisance for which the defendants were convicted in Exeter Crown Court and the plaintiffs had suf-fered particular damage: that the defendants were in breach of their statutory duty under the Water Act ligence under the rule in Rylands v Fletcher ((1868) LR 3 HL 330). The plaintiffs had claimed exemplary and aggravated damages based on allegations that the

Before Mr Justice Brooke

[Judgment October 16] Costs incurred by an innocent

legally aided party in intervening

in restraint proceedings under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 were to be paid out of central

Mr Justice Brooke so held in the

Queen's Bench Division when

giving judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers on

Mr Alastair Wilson, QC, for Mrs

Elizabeth Mason; Mr Andrew

Mitchell for the prosecution: Mr

Ian McCulloch for the trustee in

bankruptcy of Mr Peter Herbert

Mason: Mr Philip Hoser for the receiver, Mr M. D. Middleweek

son. Peter Michael Mason and David Charles Mason.

MR JUSTICE BROOKE said

that three members of the Mason

family were charged with serious

offences involving drug trafficking.

A restraint order was made by Mr

Justice Pill pursuant to section 8(1)

restraint order remained in force

until the conclusion of the Masons'

criminal trial in July 1992 when

The question his Lordship had

to decide was who should pay the costs of the intervention in the

restraint proceedings by Mrs Ma-

son, who had not been charged

The application was made on

behalf of the Legal Aid Board. His

Lordship had been told that the

curred considerable expense out of

relation to supporting Mrs Mason

they were acquitted.

with any offence.

employees of a statutory body had acted in an arrogant and highhanded manner in ignoring cus-tomers' complaints, had wifully misled them as to the true state of affairs by asserting that the water was sale to drink, had withheld accurate and consistent information as to the state of the water and had failed to give proper information as to the proper precautions necessary to minimise the ill effects ol drinking it.

The plaintiffs asserted that they had consumed the water for longer than they would otherwise have done and that when they discovered the truth of the matter their feelings of indignation were justifably aroused by the highhanded manner in which the defendants had dealt with the

The judge had refused to strike out the claims for exemplary and aggravated damages since he considered that it was arguable that the plaintiffs could recover such damages for the tort of

In relation to exemplary dam-iges Mr Symons had submitted, in reliance on the combined effect of Rookes v Barnard [1964] AC 1129) and Broome v Cassell & Co Ltd ([1972] AC 1027), that such a claim had to pass two tests 1 It had to be in respect of a cause of action for which prior to 1964 such an award had been made and 2 is had to fall within one of the two categories identified by Lord Devlin in Rookes v Barnard, namely (a) where there had been oppressive arbitrary or unconstitu

nal action by the servants of the

government and (b) where the defendant's conduct had been

in her intervention to protect her

public duty in obtaining a restraint order and so obtaining the services

of a receiver to protect the property.
It had acted throughout in accordance with the directions of the
court. His Lordship was unenthu-

siastic about making an order against the CPS in those

In his Lordship's judgment, iven the unusual situation created

ning to restraint orders in the

by Parliament in the provisions

1986 Act, it was appropriate to

incurred by Mrs Mason were to be

In creating the scheme of re-

straint orders and realisation or-

ders, Parliament was equipping

the courts themselves with a new range of weapons with which to

paid out of central funds.

circumstances.

The CPS had performed its

Central funds cover

innocent party's

restraint order costs

compensation payable.

Mr Symons had submitted that there was no case prior to 1964 where exemplary damages had been awarded for nuisance. The contrary argument was that there was no limitation of exemplary damages to specific torts where they had been awarded prior to 1964 and if there was, then nuisance was one such case.

It was not in the speech of Lord Devlin that one found the limitation for which Mr Symons con-tended but in the speeches of four of their Lordships in Broome v Cassell. His Lordship reviewed the speeches of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor (at p1076), of Lord Wilberforce (at p1114). of Lord Diplock (at pp1130-1131) and of Lord Reid (at p1086). In his Lordship's opinion those extracts supported the view that exemplary damages were confined to those torts where authority had previously recognised that they could have been

His Lordship said that there was nothing in the speeches of the other members of the House which on the point were obiter, but clearly of the highest authority and it was not seriously argued by Mr Melville Williams that the court should not follow them.

His Lordship referred to a series of decisions where it had been suggested that exemplary damages might be available in race or sex discrimination cases and to Guppys (Bridport) Ltd v Brookling ([1983] 14 HLR I) where exemplary damages were awarded for private nuisance. However, in those cases the point now in issue

There was no binding Court of Appeal authority which compelled the court to disregard the House of Lords dicta in Broome v Cassell: Accordingly his Lordship would second category. hold that before an award of exemplary damages could be made by any court or tribunal the ton must have been one in respect

of which such an award was made prior to 1964. His Lordship referred to Bell v Midland Railway Co ((1861) 10 CBNS 287), which might properly be regarded as a case of private nuisance. That was an entirely different class of case from public nuisance. There was no case prior to 1964 of exemplary damages being awarded to a plaintiff who proved particular damage resulting from public nuisance and his

Lordship would not extend the remedy to such a case. If his Lordship were wrong on that issue, the case in any event did not arguably fall within either of Lord Devlin's categories. At the relevant time, the defendants were a nationalised body set

purpose: to supply water. They had since become privatised. Although it was conceivable that governmental functions could be delegated or entrusted to a nationalised industry, it could not be argued that the defendants' servants or agents were performing such a function. Their conduct was not an exercise of executive power derived from government. Nor could it possibly be said that the defendants continued the nuisance for the purpose of gaining some pecuniary or other advan-tage. What the plaintiff's pleaded allegation amounted to was an

up under statute for a commercial

damages payable to the victim, but that was an entirely different concept from that involved in the

There was one aspect of the case which made it peculiarly unsuited for an award of exemplary dam-ages, the number of plaintiffs. Unless all their claims were quantifed by the court at the same time, how was the court to fix and apportion the punitive element of the damages? His Lordship re-ferred to the further difficulties which such a problem would

His Lordship concluded that the claim for aggravated damages should also be struck out if the plaintiffs experienced greater or more prolonged pain and sufferued for longer than it should have done, or they drank more contaminated water with ill effect that was a matter for which they were entitled to be compensated by way of general damages.

Likewise if uncertainty as to the true position caused by the defen-dants' lack of frankness led to real anxiety and distress that was an element for which the plaintiffs would be entitled to compensation under general damages for suffer-ing, but anger and indignation was not a proper subject for compensation, it was neither pain nor suffering.
His Lordship would allow the

Lord Justice Siznon Brown

agreed and the Master of the Rolls delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Pannone Napier, Sheffield with Sproulls, Bodmin and John Whit-ing & Co. Camelford.

Refusal to disclose location of observation post

attempt by the defendants to cover up the fact that they had commit-

Austin v Director of Public against conviction for indecent

Blake v Same Before Lord Justice Watkins and

(Judgment October 15) A judge was entitled to refuse a defence request for the disclosure of the location of premises used by police as an observation post where the occupier of the premises leared harassment, rather than actual violence, as a result of disclosure.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing the appeals by way of case stated of John Austin and John Blake against the dismissal by Judge Lawrence and two justices at Knightsbridge Crown Court on March 16, 1990 of their appeals behaviour in a churchyard, con-trary to section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act 1860. Mr Andrew Jefferies for both appellants: Mr Timothy Nash for

the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the evidence against the appellants had come from two officers who had watched their activities from an observation post. A police officer had given evidence that if the location of the observation post was disclosed, the occupier of the premises would be in danger of, at least, harassment

from people such as the appellants.

The judge had concluded that the location should not be disclosed.

guidelines set out by the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) in R v Johnson (Kenneth) ([1988] I WLR 1377) and R v Hewitt: R v Davis (The Times January 1; (1992) 95 Cr App R 81] did not apply.

Those cases had involved the threat of violence, if not severe

violence, of which the occupier was fearful and the appellants had argued that less than that would In his Lordship's judgment, to suggest that harassment, as op-posed to violence, was not contem-

plated by those guidelines was Mr Justice Roch agreed.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners.

safe plant did not only arise when men were actually at work.

ensure safety when employees came to work and that plant

provided would be safe for use

Section 2 created a duty to

Employer's safety obligation

There would be a breach of duty if

they were exposed to risk of injury

because of a defect in plant

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council v Malrod Insulations Ltd

tackle the evil of drug trafficking. An employer's duty within section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work His Lordship could see no conceivable value, given that par-Act 1974 applied to all employees liamentary intention, in ordering and was not confined to those costs against the CPS who ought engaged in the specific process for which particular plant was made not to be deterred from its duty to available. straint orders to the court by the

fear that it might have to pay the costs of successful interveners. His Lordship's judgment was one on issues of principle. His Lordship's present view was that if in due course a court rejected Mrs Mason's intervention as being wholly without merit then other considerations would arise in relahearing to Bolton Crown Court. tion to disputed issues on which

Solicitors: Berg & Co, Manchester: Central Confiscation Unit. CPS: Middleweeks.

A breach of duty occurred when unsafe plant was made available

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) so stated on November 13 when a the appeal by case stated of Bolton Borough Council from the dismissal by Mr Recorder Clifton of their prosecution against Malrod Insulations Ltd and remitting the

MR JUSTICE TUDOR EV-ANS said that the duty of an employer contained in section 2 of 1974 Act applied to all his employees, even though they were not

although it was not being and had

Chanel Ltd v L'Arome (UK)

The words "an advertising circular or other advertisement issued to the public" in section 4(1)(b) of the Trade Marks Att 1938 included a manual issued to its sales distributors by a pyramid selling

The sales distributors were part of the public for the purposes of the section, and comparisons in the

when employees came to use it. Manual in breach manual between the defendants'

as "Echoes", and the plaintiff's

inexpensive perfumes, marketed

products were unlawful. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stevn and Lord Justice Evans) so held on October 27, rejecting the defendants' appeal from a judgment of Mr Justice Millet on May 22. 1991, that their manual had infringed the plaintiffs' registered trade marks.

Repeat application with no fresh evidence invalid

Regina v Governor of Brixton said that the court was satisfied Prison, Ex parte Osman (No

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Osman (No 2) Before Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Waterhouse

[Judgment November 20] If the Home Secretary considered that an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person await-ing extradition did not comply with the requirements of section 14(2) of the Administration of

Justice Act 1960 then he could proceed with arrangements for the return of the applicant to the reduesting state. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment dismissing Lorrain

Esme Osman's ninth application for a writ of habeas corpus and dismissing an application for ju-dicial review of the Home Secretary's decision of November 2 to take immediate steps to convey him into the jurisdiction of the Government of Hong Kong, despite the existence of outsta *habeas corpus* proceedings. Section 11 of the Extradition Act

1989 provides: "(2) A person committed shall not be returned ... (b) if an application for habeas corpus is made in his case, so long as proceedings on that application are pending.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Patrick O'Connor for the applicant: Mr Clive Nicholls, QC and Mr Graham Campbell Grant. of the Hong Kong Bar, for the Hong Kong Government, Mr Stephen Richards for the Home Secretary: Miss Clare Montgom-ery for the Governor of Brixton

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY.

that the evidence put forward by the applicant as the basis for his habeas corpus application was not

That finding was sufficient to dispose of the case because, in accordance with section 14(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1960, no application for habeas corpus was or could be made on the same grounds without fresh

The application for judicial review became academic because the circumstances which might have rendered the proposed action il-legal namely that there had been an application for habeas corpus. did not exist.

It was relevant to appreciate that section 14(2), if its requirements were not met, prohibited the making of an application, and section 11(2)(b) of the Extradition Act 1989 could only operate to prevent a person committed from being returned if an application for habeas corpus was made in his

Mr Mansfield had attempted to meet the difficulty which his client faced in the light of the court's conclusions by submitting that once a person in Mr Osman's position started legal proceedings on a second or subsequent occasion with the object of obtaining a writ of habeas corpus then the provisions of section 11(2)(b) came into operation to prevent the secretary of state from returning him to the requesting state, because it was then for the court to decide if there had been compli-ance with section 14(2) of the 1960

Mr Mansfield had submitted that otherwise the unsatisfactory position might arise, as it had in M

v Home Office (The Times December 2, 1991; (1992) QB 270), of action had been taken which jeopardised liberty.

But, as Mr Richards pointed out, the Court of Appeal in $M \nu$ Home Office was critical of the executive because it had acted after an order had been made by the court and in R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Exparte Muhoyayi (1992) QB 244) the point being considered was how the court could, if necessary, protect the position of a would-be immigrant pending judicial consideration of his application for cisions were not really in point.

In a case such as the present the court could not accept that the commencement of legal proceedor affidavit, had any inhibiting effect upon the secretary of state.

If the secretary of state was satisfied that the requirements of section 14(2) had not been complied with, because patently it was the same grounds which were being relied upon and no fresh evidence was adduced, then he could proceed with his arrange-ments for the return of the person

committed to the requesting state. Of course, if there was any real more for argument as to whether or not the requirements of section 14(2) had been complied with, so that for the purposes of section 11(2)(b) of the 1989 Act it might be found that an application for doubt the secretary of state would consider it prudent to await the decision of the court and if the the secretary of state might not do so he could always apply to the court for the sort of interim relief envisaged in Ex parte Muboyavi. Solicitors: Eversheds: Clifford

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Health authority's duty in pre-action discovery

M v Plymouth Health Authority Before Mr Justice Brooks

[Judgment November 17] A health authority's obligations to make pre-action discovery did not include a requirement that it provide an itemised list of every

document it had disclosed. Mr Justice Brooke so held in the Queen's Bench Division dismissing the appeal of M, a child, against the order of District Judge Vincent at Truro District Registry on September 30, requiring Plymouth Health Authority to produce an affidavit stating whether docu-ments in any classes in an attached

judgment was delivered in open Miss Jane Tracy Forster for the appellant: Mr Michael Brooke for the health authority.

schedule were in its possession. The hearing was in chambers but

that the appeal had raised issues of general importance in the conduct of medical negligence actions which were not covered by authority, in particular, the obliga-tions of health authorities in

relation to pre-action discovery. Pre-action discovery was covered by section 33 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and Order 24, rule 7A of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The procedure had been brought into being to enable a party to potential litigation to see documents in the possession of the other side at a stage when it was weighing up whether it was appro-priate to bring proceedings. It was in his Lordship's judg-ment desirable so far as possible

for the procedure to be conducted quickly, relatively cheaply and efficiently. Obsessive attention to detail was likely to lead to delay and expense A procedure which involved the

health authority bringing its docu-ments into one place, having them copied, paged and accompanying what was disclosed with some sort of list identifying where different categories of documents were was clearly a form of procedure which should be aimed at so far as was Here, M's solicitor had required

the health authority to produce, in the first instance, an itemised list of every conceivable document under the sun which the authority might

have in its possession. In his Lordship's judgment that was very far away from what was necessary or desirable given that it was likely to be the wish of the client that the matter was pro-ceeded with with reasonable

If the original documents were copied and paged then, if any dispute arose as to whether a document had been disclosed at an early voluntary stage, solicitors would be able to refer to the paged bundle and see whether or not it

had been disclosed. At the next stage, if it appeared to the solicitors that any documents or categories of documents were missing from what had been disclosed it would be appropriate to make a specific request for those

It might then be that, on good grounds, the solicitors felt that there had been inadequate disclosure and it was necessary to pin the health authority down on affidavit by obtaining an order.

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However there was no reference to an itemised list in Order 24, rule 7A and his Lordship accepted the authority's submission that if an affidavit was required then a convenient way it could be pre-pared was by exhibiting copies of documents, paged so that there was no doubt as to what was

Such a procedure might be inappropriate if pre-action discov-ery was by the filing cabinet rather than by the file but in such circumstances it would be even more inappropriate to require the authority to list item by individual

out general principles. There might well be local variations but if it was suggested that the Act was only complied with, on the one hand, by an itemised list of every single item, or, on the other hand, by the copying of all relevant documents, preferably with some kind of index system identifying where relevant categories of docu-ments were, then his Lordship had no hesitation in forming the view that all that was necessary was the second of those alternatives.

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European Law Report

Limits to use of information given to states by Commission

Dirección General de Defensa de la Competencia v Asociación Espanoia de Banca Privada and Others Case C-67/91

Before O. Due, President and Judges R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, F. Grévisse, P. J. G. Kapteyn, G. F. Mancini, C. N. Kakouris, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodríguez Iglesias, M. Díez de Velason, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray and D. A. O. Edward. A. O. Edward Advocate General F. G. Jacobs

(Judgment July 16)

Nonfication of information by the Commission to the competent authorities of the member states of information acquired pursuant to Regulation No 17 did not imply that those authorities might use such information in circumringal use such gliotriation in question the application of that regulation or the fundamental rights of undertakings.

The Court of Justice of the European

Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the Tribunal de Defensa de la Competencia [Com-petition Court] Madrid, for a prelimi nary ruling under article 177. Proceedings had been started by the Direction General de Defensa de la

Competencia [Directorate General for Competition] ("DGDC") against the Associacion Española de Banca Privada "AEB") and seven banks. It was alleged that, with regard to certain services and bank commissions.

they had infringed the Spanish Law No 110/1963 of July 20, 1963 on the elimination of anti-competitive The hanks argued that those proceedings orginated not from various requests for information submitted in early 1987 by the DGDC, but in earlier acts of the national authorities adopted on the basis of information gathered by the Commission pursuant to Regulation No 17 of the Council of February 6, 1962. the first regulation implementing arti-

Special Edition 1959-1962, p87). That information had been submitted in March 1988 by the AEB and the seven banks in order to obtain the negative clearance provided for by article 2 of Regulation 17 or the exemption provided for by article 85(3), as well as in replies to requests for

des 85 and 86 of the Treaty (OJ, English

information addressed to the banks by the Commission during March 1987 pursuant to article 11 of Regulation No

The AEB and the banks maintained that the information could not be used by the national authorities in order to eliminate infringements against nat-In those circumstances, the Tribunal

de Defensa de la Competencia stayed iss proceedings and submitted four ques-tions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a prelimi-In its judgment, the European Court of Justice ruled as follows:

Regulation No 17 conferred on the Commission wide powers to make investigations and to obtain The Eighth Recital in the preamble to that Regulation made it clear that the Commission must be empowered, throughout the Common Market, to

require such information to be supplied

and to undertake such investigations as were necessary to bring to light infringements of articles 85 and 86. Thus a procedure of preliminary investigation, separate from the adversary procedure laid down in article 19 of the Regulation had been established the purpose of which was to enable the Commission to obtain the information and documentation nec-essary in order to check the actual

existence and scope of a specific factual and legal situation.

The provisions of Regulation No 17 defined the circumstances in which member states were associated with procedures undertaken by the

According to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 10 of the Regulation, the Commission was to transmit to the competent authorities of the member states. without delay, a copy of the applications and notifications together with copies of the most important documents lodged with the Commission with a view to establishing the existence of infringements of articles 85 or 86 of the Treary

or of obtaining negative clearance or a decision to apply article 85(3). The competent authorities of the member states were thus enabled to express their views on those procedures.

It was necessary to take into consideration the general scheme of Regulation No 17, the purpose of provisions The competent authorities of the

Finally, article 20(1) of the Regulation provided that "Information acquired as a result of the application of articles 11, 12, 13 and 14 shall be used only for the purpose of the relevant request or investigation".

According to paragraph 2 of that article which gave effect to article 214 of the Treaty relating to professional secrecy, the competent authorities of the member states as well as their officials and other servants were bound not to disclose information acquired by them as a result of the application of Regulation No 17 and which was of the kind covered by the obligation of ional secrecy.

By its questions, the national court sought, in substance, to establish whether the national authorities might. for the purposes of application of Community law or national competition law, use information which had been notified to them by the Commission and which was contained, on the one hand. in the replies to requests for information addressed to undertakings on the basis of article 11 of the Regulation, and, on the other hand, in the applications for negative clearance and notifications of agreements of decisions and practices provided by articles 2, 4 and 5 of the

It was appropriate to emphasise that the questions submitted related to the use by national authorities of information acquired by the Commission which had not been published pursuant to the provisions of article 19(3) of Regulation No 17 and which had not been mentioned in a decision of the Commission published under the conditions laid down in article 21 of that

Use of information acquired pursuant The reply to the questions submitted by the national court required inter-pretation of article 20(1) of Regulation No 17 to which it was necessary to add article 11(3) of the same regulation which emphasised that the request for information submitted to an undertaking was to indicate the legal basis and

the purpose of the request. In order to interpret those provisions, laying down the procedure for requests for information as well as requirements relating to respect for the general principles of Community law and in narricular for fundamental rights.

The purpose of a request for information addressed to an undertaking on the basis of article 11 of Regulation No 17 was to provide the Commission with all the information of fact or of law necessary to enable it to exercise its The probative value of information

thereby notified and the conditions under which that information might be relied upon against the undertakings were, consequently, defined by Com-munity law and limited exclusively to the procedures governed by Regulation 17. It was not the purpose of the request for information to provide evidence intended to be used by the member states in the context of procedures governed by national law.

The transmission of information thereby acquired by the Commission to the competent authorities of member states, on the basis of article 10(1) of Regulation No 17 had a dual purpose. On the one hand, it was intended to inform member states of the Community procedures concerning under-takings situated on their territory and.

on the other hand, to ensure that the Commission was better informed by enabling it to compare information given by undertakings with indications and observations which might be provided by the member states concerned. The transmission of that information to the member states did not in itself imply that the latter might use it in

circumstances which might call in

question the application of Regulation

No 17 and the fundamental rights of undertakings.

By prohibiting the use of information acquired pursuant to article 11 of Regulation No 17 for purposes other than those for which they had been requested and by requiring the Com-mission, as well as the competent authorities of the member states and their officials and agents, to respect professional secrecy, article 20 of that regulation was intended to protect the

rights of undertakings.

The rights of the defence, which had to be respected from the stage of the preliminary enquiry, required, on the one hand, that undertakings were informed, at the stage of the request for information, as provided for by article 11(3) of the regulation, of the objective pursued by the Commission and of the legal basis for the request, and, on the other hand, that information thereby

acquired could not subsequently be diverted from the legal context of the Professional secrecy implied not only the establishment of rules seeking to prohibit the disclosure of confidential information, but also the impossibility for authorities which legally held such information to use it, in the absence of an express provision to that effect, for a purpose other than that for which it had

been acounted. Those guarantees would not be re-spected if an authority other than the Commission might use information acquired pursuant to article 11 as evidence in the context of procedures which were not governed by Regulation

That interpretation did not imply that member states were bound to ignore information which had been notified to them and thereby to suffer "acute amnesia", to adopt the expression used by the Commission and the national court. Such information could provide indications which might, where appropriate, be taken into consideration in order to justify opening national

proceedings. In that regard, it was appropriate to clarify the conditions in which the competent national authorities might use such information. Those authorities were to ensure, in

accordance with article 214 of the Treaty

and article 20(2) of Regulation No 17 that information covered by professional secrecy was not disclosed to other national authorities or third parties. Such information might not be relied upon by the authorities of the member states either in the context of a preliminary investigation or in order to justify a decision taken on the basis of either

Community or national competition

Such information was to remain within the internal ambit of those authorities and could only be used in order to assess whether or not it was appropriate to open national procedures. Facts contained in a document notified by the Commission might be used

in the course of national procedures provided that the proof of their existence provided that the proof of their existence was established, not by the documents and information gathered by the Commission, but by evidence appropriate to national law and in accordance with the guarantees provided by that law.

Use of information acquired pursuant to articles 2, 4 and 5 By contrast with information contained in the replies to requests for information, information contained in requests and notifications provided for

17 were not subject to any provision analogous to that of article 20(1) of the regulation which limited the conditions in which such information might be However, even in the absence of such an express rule, the use of information notified by undertakings to the Com-mission had to respect the legal context

by articles 2, 4 and 5 of Regulation No

of the procedure in which such information had been acquired. It followed from the text of article 85(3) of the Treaty and the provisions of Regulation No 17 that notification of agreements, decisions and practices to the Commission fell within the context of specifically Community procedures. Moreover, both the required form and the explanatory note annexed to it mentioned only those procedures and

nowhere indicated the possibility that an authority other than the Commission might use the information contained in the form. In those circumstances, and taking account of the requirements relating to respect for the rights of the defence and professional secrecy, the silence of the text on that point could not be interpreted as a refusal of the Community legislature to give undertakings rights identical to those which they had in

order to ensure the protection of information contained in replies to requests for information submitted pursuant to article 1 1 of the Regulation. In that regard, it was appropriate to recall that notification was not simply a formality imposed upon undertakings, but was an essential condition for obtaining certain advantages.

Under article 15(5)(a) of Regulation No 17, no fine might be imposed for actions following notification provided they remained within the limits of the activity described therein.

That benefit to undertakings having notified an agreement, or a concerted practice was the consideration for the risk which it run by itself declaring the agreement or concerted practice. Such an undertaking risked not only a

finding that the agreement or practice infringed article 85(1) or of a refusal to apply article 85(3) and to put an end to the agreement or practice which it had notified, but also of being punished by a fine for its activity prior to exciferation. fine for its activity prior to notification. Moreover, those provisions, in so far as they encouraged undertakings to notify agreements, thereby reduced the investigative tasks of the Commission.

Consequently, the general scheme of those provisions implied that undertakings which had made notification under the conditions laid down in Regulation No 17 might, as a result, benefit from certain advantages. An interpretation of the regulation which would enable member states to use as evidence information contained in those notifications in order to justify

national penalties would substantially reduce the scope of the advantage gramed to undertakings by the provisions of article 15(5) of the Regulation. It followed that, as for information contained in replies to requests for information submitted on the basis of article 11 of Regulation No 17, member states might not use information con-tained in requests and notifications

provided by articles 2, 4 and 5 of that regulation as evidence. On those grounds, the Court ruled: Article 214 of the EEC Treaty and the

provisions of Regulation No 17 were to be interpreted as meaning that member states, in the context of their powers for the application of national and Community competition rules, might night use as evidence either unpublished information command in replies to requests for information submitted to undertakings pursuant to article 11 of Regulation No 17 nor information contained in requests and notifications provided for by articles 2, 4 and 5 of that

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Business Administration (p-t) (North East Worcester College)
Pass: Hantmond C.J. Jesson R.D. Jones
J.K. McKay S. M.; Miller P.A.; Osborne B.
C. Phillips R.H.; Quested P.S.: Smith S.E.;
Stallard D.; Woodhall S.J. Business Administration (p-t)

(South Warwickshire College) Pass: McGowan R R; Webster D M MEng Civil Engineering

Pass: Clishum P A: Glass M A: Thomas
S W

BSe (Houst **Building Engineering** Class II (Div 2): Moksin R Building Engineering (sw) Class II (Div I): Basier S G: Wilding P L Class II (Div 2): Gray R 1 Class III: Clarke M P

Building Pass: Bruetschy E M; Dudley G; Evans R P T; Henry D J; Hewisson A F; Lindsay N R H; Manke B; McAleer K A. Robens C J; Smith D; Touffaire J P R

Brilding Management
Class II (Div I): Beddoe P E, Edwards C
P: Rees A P, Turner M L R
Class II (Div 2): Bateman R; Clark S L:
Cryan J J: Goldsmilh P B, Heald C G:
Herbert A I: Kong S W D: Perny N R;
Pollard L K; Rangaradjou S; Studley R

Class II (Div 2): Bloxham J C. Carry D L: Hawkins P J: Henning K R: Thomas

Building Management (p-t)
Pass: Mills K A; Smith M J; Waliace D J BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering Construction

Pass: Freeman M R Civil Engineering Construction Class II (Div I): Lee J M Class II (Div 2): Honey A P L Civil Engineering

Class II (Div 1): Brown M P: Ellis W L; Wood N J Class II (Div 2): Bayliss A R: Meicalf D: Moss S R Class III: Close M; Himsworth N J Pass: Chevaller J H; Collingwood R H BEng (Hons)/MEng Civil Engineering

Class I: Huddleston M D Class II (Div 1): Butler \$ J: Hall \$ A BEng (Hoas) Civil Engineering (p-t)
Class II (Div I): Wilson C J Civil Engineering (f-t)

Class I: Weinie G Class II (Biv 2): Bellingham I J P. Chaw S C; Harrison A J; Labrosse B H J; Oubridge M S; Pearson M J Class III: Haji Md Ali H F; Mwanyangwa C P: Popot S

BSc & Technology

European Engineering Studies C: Ferton S

Class 11 (Div 1): Chambelon A: Fauve
C: Ferton S

Engineering (Combined

BEng (direct to final year hons) Engineering Studies

Press: Avila D H A: Chan E T C: Comina Comin A J: Rogers D; Souprayenmestry B; Upton R M

Building (sw)
Pass: Driver R J; Nevins M; Walters I J

Class III: Fung C: Gormley K J: Green R; Hickling M A: Krull A; Lawton M A. Singh D: Taylor M D; Whitehouse C Building Management (sw) Class I: Bradbury D R: Delahay A M; Heywood F J Class II (Div 1): Borthwick F A; Mirkovic A; Riddell J B C; Ward J W A

(f-t) Class III: Kiruthi J M

Class II (Div 2): Applied A: Alivray v M N: Benyellouf F: Cheng S. Duchateau D: Lahmar A; Lopez E. Piller S. Pion S; Pophillat D; Reynaud O; Riboud M: Tabusse G Class II (Div I): Velich K Class II (Div 2): Amanquah J M; Flower P C: Parkhill K: Von Arhim M A BEng (direct to final year)

Engineering (Combined
Engineering Studies)
Pass Almeppen R. Arnoldi E.
Baujard J M. Berg H. Deb S. Erken T A.
Fish A J. Gleishner U. Hattermann N.
Hawkins M R. Hehemann U. Heini W.
Konemann R. Langer A. Lefroit O.
Leufen K. Mathwig J H. Neubert A A D.
Schaliner D J P. Schroeder C. Schuben
R. Thomar W. Vegad S J

Engineering (Combined Class 1: Diedrichsen J; Drayton P K, Hall I T; Laurens R M; Trenor G Class II (DW I): Alonso S: Haas O C: Lobo-Ussia C: Lopez J: Martinez-Solano F I, Plaza-Deigado J: Probin R J: Rolz-Peres F. Smale M B Class III: Corporon H A: Fradin L N L

BEng Engineering (Combines Engineering Studies) BEng (Hons)

Engineering (Combined
Engineering Studies)
Class F. Murray P S: Rimell A:
Trembath V I: Watts M Trembath V J: Waits M
Class II (Dh' I): Armeson G S A: Badger
R S: Barber P R: Blackweit D J: Clayton
R C: Cornweil J B: Comon A G: Davies
N: Ferrie N L: Flint S M: Forbes J L:
Goldwyn A L: Gicen S N: Knowiden J
P. Love A J B: Marques R:
Westmoreland M: White P W
Class II (Div 2): Bagnall D L: Baker D
M J: Brownnill M E: Cannell B R:
Collen S M: Gaille S J: Lakhe S,
Macandrew K D A: Mutrhead K: Nield
R W: Revell I T: Riley P J: Sekhavail S:
Williams R J Class III: Brooker J D: Cooke K M; Holierman J P: Hussain F: Purewall P:

Pass: Adderley S J; Allwright R D, Bent A A; Booth C A; Greaves S J; Lee R T; Miller S M; Roberts M W REng Engineering (Combined Engineering Studies)
Pass: Foster M J; Willmon M BEng (Hons)

Engineering (Combined
Engineering Syndies)
Class I: Edney D N: Furtong E I: Joilitte A J Class II (Div i): Coonan J E; Davis S C; Gerson C B; Jenkins J A; Panton S J; Parker J; Perrovic N; Slack J R; Smith Parker M;

D: Wnitcher M
Class II (DW 2): Ball G R: Buxton I J:
Cholenon M P: Cooper R S: Dillam R;
Dowell A: Hailen P J: Holton M J:
Knibb R J: Leaney M S A: McLoughlin
A S: Neale A J: Sandhu N; Thorpe E Class III: Bannister I D; Lewis R M;

Engineering (Combined Engineering Studies) (GEC) Class I: Farmar U: Sephron S 1. Class II (Div I): Newton D A: Sheppard Passe Irons A G **Engineering (Combined**

Engineering Shulies) (Jaguar) Class I: Noble M C. Parker G E Class II (Div 2): Tilney A J **Engineering (Combined** Engineering Studies) Electromies and (p-l day release) Control Class I: Gedrim S C: Griffiths P S D; Class III: Chan L Y W

on D J Class II (Div I): Thornton \$ C; Wareing Class II (Div 2): Cave D A; Downing J: Lewis M H P Class III: Oakey M J: Thomason J W European Business

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Engineering (Business & Technology) (f-t)
Class II (Div I): Crosby L J: Shepherd R Class II (Div2): Hallinan M.J. Nelson, S. Computer Science (sw)

Class I: Aldington R J: Gambie A D. Hyde K R. Jones M J: Morse E M: Vardy C P: Vinter R J, Wilson N Class II (Dtv I): Allen P C: Andrew P J. Class II (Db 1): Allen P C: Andrew P J.
Barnes P J: Bonnen R P. Brennen P M:
Bristow N. Daish A J: Edention S P.
Forde C G: Grimmen A N: Handy R P.
Hope J: Howard M R. Jones G H:
Kirkbride R J: Latham M R H. Liggin
A: Mellor D C: Norris R D: Nottsy R K:
Plant A J: Rollason C J: Thortas P.
Thomas R D. Tumbuli K J. Vaughan J
K: Wedge G J K. Wedge G J
Class H (Div 2): Bell M P: Berry S A:
Boslock J A: Bradney J: Ellershaw T D:
Francis S D. Gooding S J: Gregorayk R
M: Jignasu R N: Levock A L: Lord M.
Massey C M: Page T F: Parkinson A J:
Theker C S: Thompson P M: Ward J R.
Warner G E: Webley S B L: Whitehouse
C D. Windsor M. Wolverion B L. Vates
J. Yil C H: Zaheer M.

Class III: Crew R G
Pass: Bowskill P: Hancock M E: White
G: Wilton J C Computer Science (f-t)
Pass: Shevlin K M BA (Hons)

Applied Economics (p-t) Class II (Dlv 1): Pyan C J Class II (Dlv 2): Chan Y A: Yuen W K Pass: Clarke I M; Galvin G P; Meredith P: Springe: E

BA (Hons) Economics/Industrial Economics Class I: Lourence L V K

Class I: Jourence L V K

Class II (Div 1): Adems M J. Anderson
E J. Bisgrove A R. Brein J F: Casile S R;
Claydon G J: Dalton M D E: Ellem E J.
Hancon R J: Harrison J C. Harriey C L.
Heaphy T M. Hobkinson S L. Holland
T A: Houstoun A J: Makazana J:
Marsiand G; Milligan H C:
Pangbourne M R: Perrocheau C:
Pangbourne M R: Perrocheau C:
Rayner L J: Shakir M A: Smith A: Tang
K: Taylor R G: Teeluck V: Turner L.
Waterhouse M R: Williams G: Wong C
K P: Wordsworth T J

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Class H (DV 2): Bennett A R: Bickerton S J; Brooker S J: Carey J L, Chapman M D: Cheng Y: Cooper B S: Davis A. Dhadwar H J S: Dulfy S P. Edwards J P J: Eyre C L: Fay J: Grimwood P: Heather R D: Herriout M; Karim Q: Leconite N M; Luckett S E J: Macrae C McClorey R J: Milner R A: Picknett S L: Pyke J F: Redmond S J: Riley I P, Street R: Thakrar T: Turnon S: Watte C P: Yeung C L K

Class III: Canning M J: Kritikos C P. ass III: Canning M L: Kritikos S P: ikoyi A A: Lee D J: Stuart D

BA Business Administration (p-t) Class II (Div I): Davies S J S; Hawkes S

BEng (Hons) Computer and Control Systems
Pass: Al-Halidh A: Kucukreisoglu M D:
Mehraban A K

Electrical & Electronic Engineering (f-t)
Pass: Al-Ismally A H M: Gunting J; BEng (Hons)

Electrical & Electronic Engineering Class II (Div 2): Gill J S Pass: Kumar R CLASS ITT: Yasin G H BEng

Electronics and Computer Control **Electronics and Computer** Control (f-t)

Class I: Dundyer A
Class II (Div 1): Dundop J A
Class II (Div 2): Al-Barwani M A;
Ecdille P: Puntambekar M Electrical & Electronic

Class II (Dr. 1 ii Colston M E. Hill R P; Rawlingson P Class II (Dr. 2): Amteh R. Hale D J. Holmes G L. Horan S P. Mistry E

Class I: Berhelt J: L: Coolen E: F. J. Withdration A B: Felin P D: Auen S: E. Class H: (DN 1 in Desphares F: Gloriwin D.J. Holl C'S. Ho H: B.; Huther N.S. Jones K.F. Longhusti A K: Petimen A U: Tam K.S. V. K S V

Class H (Dn 2): Chiter N H. Chiparani
E Clare R R Dawson P W. Freeman
M L Gattagt et I F. Jannson C R: Kuse
I Lee F F Leech, R: Lemaire A E F:
Paratish M V, W S or D J

Class HF Cray S, A

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Information Systems Engineering Class I: Bate: C 2 Class II (DA 1). Brewster M.C. Chilvers N.L. Dimeth P.E. Moore S.A. Owen M. K. Stevens R.A. Class (I (Db 2): Prince S Pass Hussan F

Information Systems Engineering (f4) Class II (Dh 2): Boutardo J A. Chard R Ki Gree P. Pre-Tranchi E D. Raval D G

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Class III. Beraiskeh ? M. Colland L J. Dhallwai K. Evans a P. Sepal M a. Tam H C. Williams N E

Communication Studies Class I: Burn C.F. Canning P.R.L: Smlth L.A.: Stather A.K.

Technical Communications tass I: Cordes L J; Fuller E: Lawford L McWilliams P J

Class III: Fernandez J

BSc (Modular Sciences) Geography
Class II (Div I): Ballantyne A A: Birnie
A I: Campbell I A M: Dann R I L:
Dicker N P: Gallagher M C: GleedOwen C P: Halpin M M: Hampton S R:
Head A I: Herming D L: Hern D J:
Lawrence R A: McGreevy R M: Mediock
R J: Monaghan S: Moriey A W: Scoble
N S: Sear L: Taylor R M: Thomas N R:
Wakelam S M: White C P M
Class II (Div 2): Andrews M J. Ball K A: Class II (Div 2): Andrews M J. Ball K A;

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Graphic Design

Class I: Gitten E.F., Gother A. J.

Class III (DN. 1): Bythe J. M.; Davles I.

Finnegan I. N. Grystmah M.; Hardbry
M. W. Hawthome J. L. Keroll N. A.

Rogers C.P. Simer's E. I.; Spiney C. D.;

Stewan J.G. Stradling P. H., Sineet O. J.

Tumbull J.E. Whyte D.

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Bernman A. J. Broad J. A. Burkley M.;

Buckley S.E. Barden S. D. Durman R. M.;

Coldwiner's U. Jackson DV, Krathe M.;

Mainser S.: Moore E. A. O'Neill C.

Parthment M. R. Pertval C. H.;

Ruchardson S.G. Stevens J.F.S., Thomas

A.C. W. Willis A.

Class III. Brushwel P. M.; Colland L. I.;

Pass: Clark R E: Oldfield R G M: Walker D S L.A.: Stather A. K.
Class II (Div.): Butk P.A. Campbell M.
D: Christensen H. E.: Davis-Cooper I G:
Durham J. J.; Fatk J. E. Farrand A. K.
Haine R.; Hanhikorpi M. M.; Higgins C.
V.; James J. F., Jenkins H.; Jones S.
Mawbey A. J.: Moore J. P.: Morley R.;
O'Donoghue K. F. Phillips S. D.; Rayner
V. C. Sellers A. M.; Smith P. M.; Swindell
N. J., Taylor J. C., Taylor N.; Troman G:
Vejen B.; Woods C. L.
Class III (Div. 2): Bell P. F. Benjamin N.;
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vejen B. WODUS U.
Class II (Div 2): Bell P E: Benjamin N:
Bradshaw L E: Caleniuc J. Campbell A
E: Fisher S A: Humer S A: Massey V M:
McShane S A: Mears T J: Mighty U
Miller S J: Parry D E. Perry E L: Read J
L: Solomon M: Ward J J: White Z

A: McWilliams P J
Class II (Div 1): Baxier C P R; Den
Harrog A W; Galloway K; Hosie N J;
Manning J; Vickers A J; Whanon K M T
Class II (Div 2): Bishop C J; Coombes S
J; Mohindra S R; Randell K L

Class II (Div 2): Andrews M J. Ball K A: Barker A P. Bennett S): Bowes C M: Buckle L J. Callister P B: Cartwright G A: Cater V A M: Chappel P A: Cradden L P B: Etwaroo E L: Follett H E: Francis J P: Gaskell R A: Gorbutt P I: Hobby M I: Jackson C J: Morley F S: Nelson E M: Robertson G A. Sayers J M: Small A J: Swain F L A: Thompson C: Wellens A D: Westwood I D: Woollari K M Class III: Barron E Pass: Aldam P A: Bletcher W: Boom J

Health Sciences (p.4)
Class I: Muchell K M: Smith E J:
Tracipun F C
Class II (Div 1): Bornell S Y.
Commission E I: Divisor A G. Edwards

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H. J. Edwards M. J. Eldwards M. J. Eldwards M. J. Eldwards M. Elkins G.
E. Favell G. E. Flecks M. Gibson S. E.
Greenfield S. A. M. Haug P. M. Harrison
J. M. Langulorine G. J. Mallik N. R. Power
S. R. Redman S. E. Reynolds L. SurkitsPart D. rar U

Class II (Div 2): Bradbury J L; Byrne R

J. Cooper S A; Drage S A; King B L;

Lancaster H E: Williams J E

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Class II (Div 1): Babbuge N M: Carter J H: Cooper H: Duffy J M: Fletcher-sarrett V J: Ingram E K: Johnson P M Jones S M: Lidbetter LJ, Manson C E L: Motton R J: Mullett A E: Ommanney D P J: Sanders D: Terry H E: Whisfield S C Class II (Div 2): Pall N: F: Pald C J Class II (Div 2): Bell N E: Budd C J, Bulley C M; Cardinal F J: Eason R L: Hailing J S; Humphrey M: Joyce K. Newson L M: Taylor Z L Thomas T G

BSc (Hous/BSc Nursing Studies (p-t) Class II (Div I): Ductey P J Class II (Div 2): Archer P. Greer M. Lim P. Morrisse, M. Spencer J A Paas: McGill N. Nevin G M; Palmer M J. Stanion M

BA (Hons) Industrial Design (Transport) (thin sw)
Class I: Care P J. Day P J: Hogwood J.
Townson D R

Townson D R
Class II (Drv 1): Boiero Wobledo S
Burges W J, Burgovne G D; Croft R
Doherty T S: Jackson A P: Lamb N
Marshall-Clarke M: Muzzlo P S; Peac
G: Peat A J; Purdy S W; Short M
Szczepanowski A M; Thorne A
Walker B D, Winsor R; Wright M P S
Class II (Drv 2): Amen I I: Bornell 2 waller B D. Wilsor R: Wright M P S
Class II (Div 2): Attew J J; Barwell R J;
Carols P J; Carcarno E; Colquinoun H
A. Henbur, A E; Madele; N A;
Montandon J N; Morris J E; Oronii T A;
Osborne K S; Peacock S C, Pini M;
Scotford T D J; Temperley P
Class III: Karadia N H; Krespin J;
McCrae G T
Peace Character D R. Percel Pass: Alexander D E, Davis B C

B.A Modern Languages (French)
Pass: White S H; Young H L BA (Hons)/BA/DipHE Modern Languages

(French and German)
Class II (Div 1): Cashman D S:
Castleton T M: Dovie P J F: Formam D
P: Greenhalph C P: McMenemy A M:
Typer C I Class II (Div 2): Anderson (W. Barbleri A: Brown A J: Curils J: Fales S E A: Pitts A J: Shipton A L: Simpson J C. Smedley T: Tugwood A: Vena T J, Warr

Class III: Garrett N J. Thurkill S L Modern Languages (French and Spanish) Class 1: Blue C H Class II (Dhv I): Enrique P; Millward J C. Parsons J M M; Staples S J, Williams Class II (Div 2): Engering N D J: Hall K A: Howcroft D R. Howell E H M: Shaw S J: Telchadder A L Waldron S L: Wood D J

Modern Languages (German and Spanish)
Class 1) (Div I): Curron A; Sprancs A W Class If (Dhv2): Fleiding E: Wasmuhi F

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Modern Studies Modern Sindies

Class II (Div I): Appleby J E R: Barin C
J: Barnes T J: Barton I N; Bird N J:
Brierley J M: Cannon B J: Corbert S:
Davey N J: Ellis J: Emms N: Evans A J:
Evans D G: Pung L K: Gallagher K:
Gorman D J: Griffiths S C: Hadley A C:
Harrold J E: Hoeksma T: Kino A:
Letila G J: Moody A H: Musgrave A S:
Noble J: Norton M J: Parslow D D:
Patton T W: Perillor C J: Raynard P F:
Rayworth G D: Rric M: Roebuck S C:
Scott N R: Wainwright F D A: Ziman S I
Class II (Div 2): Arminage C L: Arter A Class II (Div 2): Arminage C L; Arter A
D: Carder C J: Crulckshank A: Davies C
A: De S K: Deakins S J E: Edwards J P.
Fiyer J: Harrison R M: Hendry S J:
Holland J A: Hutson B J: Pallister R H:
Palmer H S; Palmer M D J: Pappas J N;
Pinto D E. Rattray J L; Sadler M P;
Williams N L; Ylowei X D Class Iff: Dhillon J S: Hardman J A; Lediju J

LLB (Hons) Business Law

Business Law
Class II (DIV): Allsopp LA: Andrews C
P; Anfield M J: Bell S M; Carey D J;
Collen S L: Collier B: Cousins G E:
Evans D E: Fawcett D M; Pellows G S;
Fisher J R; Hooper T A: Johnson J A;
Jones E; Jones M P: Lambert V: Meler F
E; Merwick A M B; Miller J M; Osborne
J; Palmer E A: Roath D S: Savage E R:
Scott N A: Sherratt R E; Stewart L J;
Turtle J M; Woods D I
Class II (DIV 2): Abdul Hamid N A;
Abdul Samad S: Adnan I M; Arkins S
N: Baharom M A; Bassert W S; Blagioni
J L; Biondi A; Boast M D: Bradshew R;
Broadhurst Z: Brookes A J; Brown P M;

Hale A R J; Hell N J; Hill A C; Ho S C; Holmes J S; Hood J, Hum S J; Jabir H; Jordinson P; Khela B; Lake R E; Lawer A; Lung K A; Macrory R H; McCenhy J; Mohamed Noor N; Morrissey A M, Mountain D B; Marphy M A; Mussiella R; Naicker J S; Nutl J A H; Onasanya U S; Petillor C W; Purreit H E; Pym H J; Rogers G P; Scally J E; Schimming-Chase E M R; Sharmsudin M M; Siggers H J; Singh B; Smith E A; Swalvell A M, Thalsay H J; Turion S E, Vagg A J; Vatravan V; Wareham S J; Watson C T; Willis A;

Class III: Che Salleh R: Egole T W; Fowler J: Kaur S; Savage G A; Singaravelu P; Stocks S M; Street P J; Zaina! Azmian B

BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering Class I: Jelley T K
Class II (Div 1): Barnford J M J:
Connoily B H, Gittings A R: Heard N J.
Kingswell S L, Luxion P J: Ng A S:
Seeley W A; Suguet G, Wilhams J P
Class II (Div 2): Allaway M J: Aslett C
M; Buss A M. Edinburgh D A;
Harnson C J. Hoslang C, Jackson D J:
Pur D N; Riddoch A E; Taylor G D

Mechanical Engineering (f-t) Mechanical Engineering (1-9) Class: I-Dosanjh B S: Joy A Class II-Obv I; Caulet I; Clinch I G F; Cuerden R W. Donald M R. Downes I, Eyles M E. Ifadis S: Kazi M: Low J M: Sew G A. Payen O H; Fg Tengah A A. Pinfold J M; Ponter D H; Willion K R Class II (Div 2): Bin Mond Yusof F. Bradshaw J: Cholevas D: Jones N R: Mahdar S: Moore S F: Sin H Y Class III: Dunn S N: Sulen

Manufacturing Systems Engineering
Chas I: Cox S a: Eves A C: Hicks I T;
Vibert P A Class II (Div 1): Burgess R 5; Bywater S W; Caine S E H; Ellard T A; Femion D E; Lew S K; Muncaster J R, Party M E; Purchase D R; Zalud M J Class II (Div 2): Civil R J: Clay M O. Coleman R A M: Creation N T: Garfield T A. Mare J H. Miles A M: Millaro D: Peasland G L. veale K A

Class III: Canlett W. Johnson I R BEng (Hons)/BEng Manufacturing Systems Engineering (f-t)

Class I: Harrow D L
Class II (Div I): Franks A J: Frust P S.
Owen S E: Ridley P G: Robinson M J.
Wilson M J Wilson M J
Class II (Div 2): Bee G 5; Chu C H:
Hurle, D W. Kavanaph J M. McMartin
D W. Pilcher M K. Rogers M T. South *1
D: Strange D C; Wade G B, Wright M A:
Yu M M Class III: Bassin V S. Mahmood T; Aid

Manufacturing Systems Engineering (thick sw)
Class II (Div I): Buffin J R; Calville H N:
Jones R U Murrell C G: Robens N J Class II (Div 2): Guilfoyle P P: Lawrence F; Stevens P Class III: Coma A: Patel M

BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering Design Class II (Div I): Crudge S J; Dunklet A D: Edwards S A; Jones P M, Parker S D P: Peddington C J Class II (Div 2): Blackburn P W: Cowin T R K: Galvin D J F: Grunger S J: Newman M P: Pike D E: Rainey N A Class III: Hitchings A M: Sayed N A Pass: Durton C J

Automotive Engineering Design (f-t)
Class III: Whiting M R BSc (Modular Sciences)

Mathematics Class I: Chauhan T; Preece A: Rennie P: Smith A: Surling C A: Thompson S L: Tiddy R J; Wilson N R Class II (Div I): Binning H S; Keisail C W. Monaghan H: Parkes S; Raymond M R: Smith R A; Whitfield L M Class II (Mr2): Boad H S; Dasquez B: Class II (Div 2): Bond H S; Dasgupta R; Hardy H C; Holding S I; Lock S P; Nicholson J M; Plummer N P Class III: Desai H: Dhooper J S: Phillips P J Pass: Benn L H; Mistry M; Stanford K;

BSc (Hons)/BSc/DipHE Mathematics (p-t) s: Reader R J BSc (Modular Sciences)

Statistics and Operational Research Class II (Div I): Cheung P K C Class II (Div 2): Hardey G S; Li E; Mills

Pass: Anderson R J BA (Hons) Economic Development

& Planning & Planning
Class I: Briskham S E. Edwards M C
Class II (Div I |: Barratt A I; Beadle T E:
Birkin N; Buckley J: Church D M; Cole
P J: Cuerda-Rodriguez J C. Evey A B;
Forshaw M A; Gunby J P; Henry J E:
Letnar P S; Marshall S B; McCusker L G
C; Murray A T; Pearson J L; Powell J M
A; Quinn G R; Unsworth P D; Webber
D J; Willord M L; Wiston G A Class II (Div 2): Dickinson D W; Edwards V M; Everin R K; Gorron I P; Harvey D P; Longbottom A M; Musk I D; Ryan D A; Simpson G M; Williams A H

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Bhunno I K: Bola A: Bola N; Bourne J:
Burley P: Choudhury A K, Glyde J P J:
Grawick L J: Hill W: Hooper K J: Ibru
A V. Johnson F C: Kananl B: Kape V J:
Khan N K; Lee D: Mack J D: Middleton Anan N K; Lee D: Mack / D: Middleton E A: Monigomery K A: Morgan A E: Morgan G M: Monimer R C: Newman C: Nicholas J. Nicholas S M; Phelan M: Reeves R: Slan S; Solomon R: Strange J: Vanrood K; Wilkins B D BA (Hons) Class II (Div I): Si Tayeb B A

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C: Lancaster C A: Lothian J L E: Peter L
A: Rodney S A: Wilson W T
Class II (Div 2): Bearley S: Chung L
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Class II (Div I): Gray G J C: King C T: Taylor J H: Yusufzai R P

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Class I: Ryan K
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A: Bremnan P: Charles D E; Culley J:
Glannuzzi S; Haie B C; Harris V J K;
Hogg J E; Khoo S M: Lepper C;
O'Connor R; O'Fisherty M C;
Pennington D; Powell D K; Powell G;
Rainbird P R; Richardson C; Rodgett D
M: Sievens D; Woodmason A C;

Class II (Div 2): Ahrens C
Boniface H A: Caropbell F: Harding A:
Kojic I G: Lynch S C; Maccanhy C J;
Riley I S: Robotham J M: Rogan M G:
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M: Burke C E: Crow R P: Davey P J:
Galbraith M T: Gordon S N: Grafton T
J: Heaps R H: Howard G A: Macbean J
I; Mannion D J: Plested I C: Seagrave D
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Media Studies Media Studion N
Class I: Gaudion N
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D: Haynes D J M; Hodgson P C; Iones
K J L: Kertles N A: Marshall L C
Negregotten P; O Sullivan J P;
O'Connor A M; Rose A J; Schreiber D C;
Shastri P; Spokes H A; Whitmarsh S J;
Wood 5

Class III: Clack V: Haringa Z C J; Johnson A: Lynch M-J; Melaragni R; Pugalia S Page Davies C A: Lambert R W D; Vuillermoz E C

Class I: Garbuit N B (Arabic); Whitaker B H (Arabic) Class II (Div 2): Murray S: Shah J: Waley B A: Brooks J (Chinese)

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Class I: Antick P J: Barney E J: Huddle
R M: McFadden A J R M; McFadden A J
Class II (Div I : Aminoti M S; Briant R
E; Duno R G; Elilott S; Golsorhi M H;
Goodridge K; Kat G H; Klernan M;
Mackenzie R M; Millar I D; Morgan J
G L; Price C R; Robinson P; Romano C;
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W: Bellamy C A: Birch J A:
Birmingham S: Collier C H:
Cuthbertson G R: Dunton J R: Hunt S
R: Jacobson A C: Lyndon A L: Mailassi
K S: Moore I G: Nandra I S: Onyeka J E:
Pitrou T: Rayvadera P: Repisford D C:
Robertson P J: Samra S: Schjolberg I B:
Shaw D A: Stanton M C: Weinerman A:
Wells C E

Film. Video & Photographic Arts

Class II (Div I): Cummisky S P; Cusack V; Dahrey J S; Drew J R; Easton N J; Fitzgerald J R; Khaw E L; Moore S J; Pairpoint K; Steer J L; Taylor P L; Wallace A J

Walack A.J.
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K; Dickson R; McMeeking K.J.: Motley
L; Pascall E; Poulier T H; Robert I
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Class I: Benayas J M; Burrow J A
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Capeil U S; Gershi O; Glean N; Hail M;
Jones D: Lopez-Fernandez J; Martin J
M; O'Curneen J; Pearre S M; PelaezArango M L; Pennington M; Renae D;
Scadden J; Seal M; Sharp I D; Ulsert K;
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T E: Euchuvarria C; Forsyth A N; Huber
S B; Kwok M; Larenty-Siee J; Lombard
R; Onlie-Ere K; Pederson H E; Vaardal
S P; Walker N P; Wallace S T; Weekes D

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Class III: Gallagher M BEng/BEng (Hons) Mechanical Enguering
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Johnson N S; Lee Y M; Mason S A; Neo
T P Class II (Div I): Idown A: Jackson J: Karseras A: Lee C K: Leung C W: Pericleous P: Soulls P: Williamson J: Wong C F Wong C F

Climenden J P N: Coleman D H:
Goomany J S: Harzinaiklas S:
Iconomou S: Ismail C: Khorsand B:
Nelli K J: Parel B: Pham T V: Phenis N:
Qazi S: Tripp F: Wong M K G; Yoosuf A Class III: Baltidis I; Spiegel J T

Pass: Angiris K

Control & Computer Engineering
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Bardesl R: Infantilibis C; Jakubczyk M:
vaughan-Williams R
Class III: Angelopoulos N; Jackson M;
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Pass: Caowley S R M; McCann J A; Megadmi S

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Distinction: Charleté P D
PERS: Belle M R. Briggs A N; Brinton N
A: Cook S D; Duff K M: Emeney J E:
Geitely H R; Gay E A: Goodwin J A:
Greenwood S I; Haywood C J: Holroyd
E J P; Irving Y M: Jeffery J M: Keboe J S;
Leigh R D: Naylor I; Oakes J H: Ogden
L M; Patel S: Paul 1 J; Roberts J C; Root
A C: Skittroll R L

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Burrell G K L: Crossley A C: Goss J:
Griffiths Y M: Karbasi M; Khan S A:
Korb R E: Michelord J: Millar C M:
Mungeam L: Shine G J: Stephens R:
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Balu K; Bench D J; Bernard! S M;
Buller T; Caton J A L; Cope C P;
Damjanovic N; Davis N W; Dunn I E;
Felix L A; French J D; George P A;
Jackson N; Johnson G; Kangal S; Khan S; Kimber J A; Laider R; Laleye J;
Mealing D E; Mehmet S; Murphy O A;
Nanda G; Patman J C; Pratt V; Pritt R
V; Ranasinghe A; Robinson G B;
Russel H C; Surpal S; Tate N;
Thanopoulou E; Tilston C; Truran L;
Wilkinson J A; Woodward R A
Cass III: Gautaum A; Oyewole E;
Szyszko N; Michalec A
Pass: Gundevia Z K

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BSc Podiatry Medicine
Pass: Attwell S J; Trundle S; Benjamin
G; Bennison N M; Coe S G; Cornell L;
Deogon G S; Fernando S M; Frost P J;
Gardiner A A; Gurgui M; Hancock V J;
Haque M N; Hawell L C; Hewin S M;
Izod A; Jacobs A G; Justin J E; Lenchan
E; Indias L I; Miles C; Paral P. Philiphs E A; Smith J B; Smith M I; Sobieniewski E G; Swinson R; Webb R

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Class I: Bromley M: Col L I: Smith G: Vaguan F
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Brown D. Chan K: Cusack S:
Daneshpour S: Fernybough C:
Ferreira-Kleinm M: Georgiou C:
Guinan B: Hodges I: Jhalla K: Khan K:
Landell M: 41 - 11 - 11 - 12 - 12 - 12 Lansdell W; Li L; Lilley L; McCarthy E; Modarai M; Price D; Shah B; Tabak S;

Von-Habsburg S
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V. Bhavnani D. Binepai J. Canalam M.
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Deegan E. Desai B. Garcia C. Hempel
R. Hussain N. Jamani S. Lechourids A.
Little J. Mahood M. Malik N. Morrison
M.: Njovana Z. Papadopoulou P.
Parikh S. Parmar H. Patel S. Patel
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Qureshi U. Raptopoulos A. Rehman R.
Saeed A. Saeed S. Sandhu P. Tran D.
Vimalanathan K. Vishram N. While M.
Yee M.

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Bhagoo S; Demosthenous T: Docherty
J: Dourmashkin A: Gani S; Gharlai A;
Harris S: Khan L: Lee L; Ulaye S;
Tomazek-Badcock T
Pass: Hashim N; Israr T: Bharj H;
Chandel A: Forster M, Jones M; Khan
A; Metabadui V; Touskofidou M;
Youssefi J: Zajdl S Mathematics Class I: Allerton J: De-Brida D Class II (Div I): Addo J K; Anwar S K; Chinasamy M; Noble P J; Regan G A Class II (Div 2): Amarnani S: Bahra S K; Bahra B: Logotheri A: Miah M: Padda A S: Rafiq B: Tsang C W

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G M: Chilton D J: Firth P: Galloway S:
Gorcis P K: Harcon M A: Hayes D R:
Kirn K H: Konteurachchi A S: Wathew;
N C: Monk L C: Walcot C J: Wood R J:
Bluer P B: BSc/BSc (Hons) Computer Technology Cases II: Du't I: Ahmad H: Aua N; Fahy W F S; Khosrowpanah M R: Lake A: Savadia C V; Scott W A Class II (Div 2): Cheema J S: Ditrollo I: Harry I: Hussain I; Judge K S; Khan A: Malcom R A; Naik H B: Poon Y W; Suaio T

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Beauchamp E M Y: Bedi M M; Berry S
K. Burns N: Campbell C M; Chan M;
Chapman D: Charalambous K;
Choudhury Y: Club D C: Coker S L;
Connolly L M: Copeland D J; Currie S;
D'Souza J P. De-Mendonca S C: Dester
R I L; Dhother D K: Dorman P U; Drake
A M; Drake K M; Farman-Farmalan A
H; Farmer M P; Farr A J; Fiannelly B A;
Gershon S: Gordon S A: Greengrass I
S; Hewelt H A; Husseyin E; Hussain R; K; Hewin H A; Huseyin E; Hussain R;

P.J. Madlani P. Mahama S.A.: Mehta A.: Mendonga A.: Messina A.A.: Mistry B.: Miu M. W. K.: Monitaradi N. H. N.; Morris D. M.; Naser M.: Nyland F. Petropoulos S. J.; Ramchartan N. K.; Riedmüller S.; Riordan E.C. Rooney A.; Rowntree K.L.: Sharma S.L.: Snell M. W. E.: Sonell K.: Steadman L.: Stout J. E.: Swash J. E.: Tobin P.J. M.: Tucker S. P.; Turner J.A.; Was A. H.: Wallis G. W. R., Weider E. R.: Wong P.S. L. Wright M.: Xenophonios E.: Young S. Class H. (Dlv 2): Banks M.R. M.: Bharti R. K.: Bloot J. E.: Boeye M. A.: Burke S. M.; Button N. J.: Chan D.: Cheng L. W.: Cockenil J.L.: Cotlam S.B. Chechton E. F. G.: Criscuolo D. E. P.: Disney R. J.: Donaldson L. Y.: Forsythe W. W.: Freire Bernat A.; Gill. K.S.: Holloway A. G., Horsley M. A.: Jones R.: Juepuner C.: Reddo C. Latif S. Lloyd J. W.: Lowry C. C. Marcus D. B. Medlock A. B.: Morns E.J. G.: Nayab N.: Nornhover I. M. H.: Patel H.: Patel S.; Patel Z.: Peters M.: Ross M. A.: Sanghera S.: Sharma O.: Silva V. L.: Tappenden J.J.: Umenyilora E.: Wood N. Class Hil: Abdullah A.: Ashley R. P.; Chan T. F. Chawdary H. K.: Dawcod S.: Dol N.: Lau S.I: Martell J., Patel G.: Sharma N.: Shortridge P.A. Umclassibed: Galica P.

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Brage J J: Edwards E A: Evans C A:
Fraga J M: Harpreaves A V; Harris P J:
Harrison A J: Heaton B J D: Hindocha
R: Jessamine A P A: Khan A: Kunner M:
Macgregor G J: Miller E R: Misry M:
Motina A: Muhihofer A: Murdock J C
R; Niles R: Ogunbly O: Scales C P R:
Slater T J: Turner T J
Class II (Div 2): A kram A: Rowardhan

Signer T.J.: Turner T.J.

Class II (Div. 2): Akram A: Bhowarkhan

N: Chlabria V: Glyahchi M: Harrison

C. Jaffer K: Kingston S.C.: Lifichak L:
Makhdumi O. Y: Michael N. O.
Monaghan J-A: Naylor J-A: Oza V; Ruth

M: Sidhu K.K. Business Information Technology Class I: Charmoy B A
Class II (Div 1): Campbell M R:
Hipwell S J: Keegan S G: Patel P A:
Purewal S: Stilh P 5 Class III: (Pbv 2): Ahmed K: Chaudhry U B: Heer B 5; Llu L M: Michael F T; Michael S T: Moore S S; Stoddart J Class III: Yeo S K

Social Science (p-t) Social Science (p-f)
Class II (0ht 1): Booke B I: Citiford P B
I: Earle C I: Emerenini S: Cardiner M
D: Hughes H L O: James B E D:
McGraih A P, Power M A: Rennie M M;
Rorke B P: Tracey J J M C: Warwick I P
Class II (Div 2): Bastin C M; Chan Y H:
Kotecha H K: Panielidu M, Rodney D;
Shen S; Smith M: Uzoho E; Wragg D A Class III: Charles W L Social Science (f-t) Class I: Boersma A P: Deut: A G: Greenslade J V: Martin J M: Trudell M P: Ward A V: Young B

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Barker C D. Barnert C H. Brand B T.
Brown J E. Butler G M: Clarke R A:
Conneily D A: Cool E P. Coo A A:
Dailaids E. Dalta H: Dench R. E:
Dickins S D: Donneily P D. Dutta A R.
Pattor J: Fertlandes A C. Foster A A;
Franklin B A: Greenberg N A: Griffin K

C: Groom T M: Hallett K A M; Hart J:
Hollis D E: Howley E J: Hughes L R:
Hussain R: Jagota N; James C M;
James D E: Johnson L D: Khan L;
Jeach S H; Man S S; Mathleson A.
McCulloch N: McGee A J; McGulness
N; Meck J E: Ohene-Dian S: Oliver G
M; Oliver M H: Pigon S A: Pike G E:
Potter M J: Relly T P: Rodgers M P:
Schwarz A: Schmit K K; Selman M A:
Smith L M E: Smith S P: Spriggs P S T:
Stuart K J E: Suphidharma B R:
Tebbun S F: Walker C L: Ward A M S:
Welsby A: Woods J A
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Aroo A; Arnold R D: Bacaicoa J M:
Bryan G: Choppa S: Clements A T M:
Cumberbaich S: Dhlomo L: Dixon S A:
Dosa R B: Fenn C I C: Gachette
Johnson P: Gilkes S E: Goodman N;
Gregory JS: Johnson P E: Kellcher C F:
Kesnavjee S: Khan R: Kirkham A H;
Jepore T R: Lewis A: Mathle S K;
Marwell M: Muller Y M; Nair A K;
Pang K H; Piper I: Rapkin S C: Reddish
J M: Riepj M: Sian S: Soden A S J:
Tailor A: Tilley A: Wallin D: Ward M M
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Class I: Jeffrey S W; Poulton C; Reeves
G M

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Buss E C; De La Pena J: Flach G C;
Harding J A: Harris P A F: Holland C;
Papaconstantinou N; Skene Cauling C
M; Sullivan P F m; suttivan P F
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K; Cross J S; De Storanduin L S; Felton J
R; Haye J C; Hennersy D; Holmes M L
Hopwood A; Issa-Pour M; Rezale R;
Richardson V; Sullivan L A; Tanner B;
Ulbricht J K; Upion D R; Wilson I J W;
Wise M WISE M
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Ilyas N: Le Peuvre L C: McNulry J:
Nunes C A S: Swaniker C A: Wells A E
Unclassified: Shawkai T N BEng (Hons)

Civil Engineering (Fd)
Class I: Chiew W L: Flynn D E
Class II (Div 2): Barlov P: Costello J J:
Kabba M: Leong S S; Poulli M Class III: Ahmed N; Fahey P S: Ghafoor A M Y A; Maremar R; Olanipekun O K Unclassified: losif | BEng Civil Engineering (f-t)
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Civil Engineering (sw)
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Class II (Div 1): Burden G B A;
Carrmell R: Elphick P T; Halvieim C Y
R; Liddelow D T; Mahany W J;
Sheehan M A T; Sotiriou J; Tokatly R C Class II (Div 2): Atkinson A K; Barber J M: Gool H L: Halberstam J: Hennelly M J P: Lau M N O: Locke J H; Parkins G; Class III: Kleran G G: Tewkesbury G E Unclassified: Both O: Buckley S P; Checiham R J, Franki T J; Freeman E J; Haase J D; Jennings J L; Jones R; Kahbod M; Phu R W; Smith T D; Walters R N

BA (Hons) Housing Studies Class II (Div I): Garcha J S: Hasan S; Jevans S B: Lewis P J: Micklethwalte A; Todd A M: Wheeler-Hopkinson M L Class II (Div 2): Beedham G: Flannery J E: Scon R: Stewart A Unclassified: Lewis J W: Winskell D BSc (Hons)

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Unclassified: Haji Ismail H F, Thompson T M

BA (Hons) Urban Planning Studies
Class I: Tompsett N ;
Class II (Div I): Burnon J:
Charalambous M: Davis G; Ghoshal A
D: Kelly J F: Kelly P P; Lawlor F A;
Morrow T J R, Rudge D Morrow T J R, Rudge D
Class II (Dlv 2): Altken S; Bailey R J;
Beebe C Bloch A C; Busby S J.
Cheesman C: Collingwood A S;
Corrigan H E; Pulton J; Gilfoyle S J;
Grilliths D L: Haynes C N; Hicklin D;
Honey M S; Julian J R; Kelly G I S; Lai C
Y C: Lambert M: Lunnon M; Lurdord C
J; Lynch S P; McClure A; Nash L D;
Sheely G F; Skelton P J; Surclisse C J;
Taylor P: Thompson C G; Walsh K M;
Webb J M

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M: Bensted R A: Bub C; Cadman C
Calder D S; Cowan P E: Cureton R H;
Desvallols C; Farquhar A D; Frankl T
L; Gaze J P C; McGarry I M; McKeever S
M: Morris M Z; Nash M E; Neerdin S J;
Neillist P C; Nimba M R; Sadier A M;
Samet E; Seals R C; Spencer A L; Ward
A S; Wrong M H
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Buncher J A J: Donn A G: Fraser K G:
Heslop N B: Iles A W: Nash A G; Peck A:
Perry J F M: Phillips M G; Prestage C J:
Rawlings H C: Reuben L: Rose G H:
Spler J

Class III: Cameron M; Rosser D J; Walton R J; Watmough T S Combined Studies Class J: Austin M
Pass: Cox J M; Da Silva A G, Le Quesne
B J: McCathle J A: Perry R T: Radcliffe J:
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South Africa weakened by Schulz's withdrawal



SOUTH Africa suffered a serious sethack yesterday when Brett Schultz, their hostile left-arm fast bowler, was ruled out from the second Test match with India, which starts here today.

With Alian Donald, Schultz formed the main part of a pace attack that it was hoped would extract the maximum benefit from the granite-hard pitch prepared at the Wanderers ground.

Wessels and Azharuddin, the captains, both believe this match could decide the series and for South Africa to lose their new young fast bowler is a severe blow.

Schultz had already ripped

tour. He looked the most dangerous bowler early in the drawn first Test at Durban before retiring with a ham-string injury. Outright results are not expected from the third and fourth Tests at Port Elizabeth and Cape Town.

Schultz did not feel the hamstring during two separate workouts at the nets yesterday but was left stiff and tired. Peter Pollock, the chairman of the South African selectors, said it was obvious that Schultz was not 100 per cent fit and that he could not

South Africa have declined to send for Snell, who at the Indian batting apart in a four-day game earlier on the Invitation XI. They have reRichard Streeton in Johannesburg previews

the second Test between South Africa and India, which may decide the four-match series

placed Schultz with Matthews, who was unimpressive in the same game. His previous good record at the Wanderers has always been achieved when more grass has been left on the pitch. McMillan passed a fitness test yesterday on a back strain and the fourth fast bowler will be Pringle, whose main forte

The pitch was relaid last year and has been used for just one limited-overs game. grassless, clay surface shimmered like glass yester-day, just as pitches do at Sabina Park in Jamaica. .Donald, now free from injury worries, will still be a danger if he bowls with better control than he did at Durban. There is no question, though, that

Schultz's absence will greatly cheer India. Twice at least in Australia last winter they were destroyed by the left-arm speed of Reid and Whitney. South Africa have also

opted for an extra batsman in

Cronje, with Henry, the left-

spinner, becoming twelfth man. Apart from ing batsmen of both teams failed to deliver big scores at India's more accomplished

tail, however, saw them through hence Cronje's inclusion. Rhodes always has claims to be selected because of his fielding but at No. 5 at Durban he looked one if not two places too high in the

India have named 12, with Baneriee the possible fourth fast bowler ahead of Sharma. Whether Baneriee will oust

South Africans have little experience of good spinners Kumble's top spin and googlies, bowled briskly in the manner of Chandrasekhar, could gain him the vote. An electric atmosphere pre-

vails locally about this match and should the pitch prove as quick as anticipated, the umpires will need to be alert to the new International Cricket Council (ICC) rule limiting short-pitched bowling.
One change from Durban

is that Steve Bucknor, the independent umpire, will take his turn at rotating and the two South African officials, Cyril Mitchley and Barry Lambson, will stand together on the third day.

Clive Lloyd is again the match referee and heard an unofficial card-marking on

yesterday from Sir Colin Cowdrey, the ICC chairman. Sir Colin said the referees had been playing themselves in gradually. In what could be interpreted as a reference to last summer's controversial England v Pakistan series, he added: "There might have been occasions, in fact, when they might have stepped in a

It is to be hoped that this Priendship tour continues to live up to its name.

SOUTH AFRICA: K.C. Wessells (captain), S. J. Cook, A. C. Hudson, P. N. Kraten, S. J. Rrodes, W. J. Cronie, B. McMillen, D. J. Richardson, A.A. Donald, M.W. Pungle, C. R. Addition, C. R. Addi

Steele-Bodger's emerge easy winners

Cambridge's display gives few clues to Oxford onlookers

Cambridge University .. 19 Steele-Bodger's XV..... 27

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LIKE Oxford University in their annual match against an Invitation XV last week, Cambridge University and Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV shared eight tries yesterday. The difference between Grange Road yesterday and Iffley Road last week was that the guests scored five of them and emerged convincing winners by a goal and four tries to two

goals and a try.

It left Cambridge looking somewhat lightweight compared to the Dark Blues, who will still wish to avoid the tag of favouritism for the University match on December 8. However, the students could scarcely deny how appropriate the result was on a day when Mickey Steele-Bodger opened named after him, in the

Cambridge clubhouse. Steele-Bodger has been bringing guest teams to Cambridge for 45 years and this one, featuring international players from six countries, was as illustrious as any. The nature of the game allowed them to give free rein to ambition, so frequently blunted in international matches, in the knowledge that support was always close at hand.

Rennell. Holmes was a familiar sight at Grange Road as Cambridge captain two years ago and, though injury has limited his rugby since, he looked sure of hand and swift

Cambridge seemed some-what disjointed, and how much they were concealing from the watching Oxford team is impossible to say, but there was little invention behind the scrum.

Yet they have some substantial performers in the pack. Dix, fresh from his exertions with the Australians at Bridgend on Tuesday, is an obvious lineout threat to Oxford, who will also have noticed his good handling and speed in support of Flood to score Cambridge's first try.

But the main eyecatcher was Read, the exuberant hooker who passes like a scrum-half and offered van Rensburg a iewel of a dummy before diving into the corner for the final score.

In between, Steele-Bodger's had the possession they required and the control of Farr-Jones. If Lafond and van Rensburg sometimes appeared to be playing their own private game, mostly behind their goalline, few in the large crowd minded.

Steele-Bodger's led 12-7 at the interval. Price's hands let him down and the visiting forwards drove to the line Yet in that respect, few did before Evans was released for

put O'Leary in for a second and, though Dix responded. Wakeford rolled over from a maul shortly after the interval to sustain the momentum. Cambridge closed the gap

to three points when van Rensburg found himself in difficulties in his own in-goal area, tried to clear and found only Flood, who scored. But the students could not

control enough ball. Holmes drove through the middle and the ball moved left for van Rensburg to make up for his error by scoring.

Then a chapter of mistakes in the Cambridge defence gave the visiting backs room to send their other joker, Lafond, over for a try.

OVET for a try.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries: Do., Flood, Read. Conversion: Devices. M R Steele-Bodger's XV: Tries: Evers, O'Leavy, Walssford, van Flensburg, Lalond. Conversion: Bray.

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M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV: T van Remburg (Transveal and South Africa); D. O'Leary (Senticens), M. Evarra (Herleculna), B. Berley (Waterfield and England), J-B. Lufond (Béglea and France); "K. Bray (Harleculna), N. Fern-Jones (Sychey University and Australia); "J. Roster (Fichmond), H. Roberts (Transvasi), G. Peance (Northempton and England), M. Rigby (Wassa), N. Edwards (Harleculna and Souterd), J. Watesford (South Wales Police and Wales), "S. Holmes (Wasps), M. Rennell (Bedford). Referee: D. Matthews (Liverpool).

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better than the two uncapped the try. Bath propose plans for a bright future

BATH will put forward a support for his plea for great-three or five-year plan - er communication, both in three or five-year plan -designed to make them one of the best clubs in the world, on and off the field - at its annual meeting next summer (David Hands writes).

By then, England's champion club will also have studied an independent report on their internal workings, prepared at Bath University.

The club's redesigned executive committee fought off suggestions of further administrative change at an extraordinary general meeting, attended by 450, on Tuesday.

No vote was taken at the end of what was seen by some as a motion of no confidence in the management structure agreed at the last annual meeting, leaving the outcome an honourable draw.

Stuart Barnes, a member of the new players' committee that will work with the man-

committee and with the membership. He emphasised that the new structure had been in place for only five months, during which time it had acquired a new chairman and two new members.

The meeting was called by 40 of Bath's 3,200 members, who wanted to break down the management committee, but Barnes said the changes

John Gaynor, who took over as chairman on the resignation of Roger Berry two months ago, said every point of view expressed at the EGM would be "taken to heart".

He said: "We will have a club plan available to everyone at the next AGM containing our suggestions for a revised management structure, a revised constitution and any other aspects that

Gerber ruled out for Barbarians

DANIE Gerber, the South African centre, has withdrawn from the Barbarians team to play the Australians at Twickenham on Saturday. Gerber has a hamstring injury and therefore misses the chance to partner Will Carling against, subject to confirmation today, the outstanding Australian centres, Tim Horan and Jason

Carling, who will captain the Barbarians, will be partnered by Scott Gibbs, who gave the England captain such a warm reception when he won his first Welsh cap in 1991. It will be Gibbs's third appearance against the Australians, having already played on the winning side against them for Swansea and, last week, on the losing side for Wales.

He will be joined by a Welsh colleague, Mike Rayer, the Cardiff full back, who was confirmed yesterday as the replacement for the injured

Tony Clement. It will be the retired England centre ered from strained stomach another opportunity for Rayer to confirm his class before his competition with Clement for

the national No. 15 shirt resumes in February. The Barbarians will have their first run-out at the Lensbury Club this afternoon, under the eye of Jeff Herdman, the former Swansea hooker and coach, who is a

Barbarians committee man. Tomorrow, Simon Halliday,

Paparemborde resigns

Paris: Robert Paparemborde, the former France international prop, stepped down from his position as the country's general team director on Tuesday night. Paparemborde had demanded the resignation of the French coach, Pierre Berbizier, after a series of poor international results recently. The move came after a special meeting of the French rugby federation's executive

committee after the president,

Bernard Lapasset, and a ma-jority of members, confirmed Berbizier as coach. There was

who is also on the committee,

will add his expertise to their

The Australians moved from Wales yesterday to pre-

pare for their tour finale. They will name their team today, and it is likely to include Troy

Coker at lock, in the absence

of John Eales and Garrick

Morgan. Eales is out with a

damaged shoulder and Mor-

gan is unlikely to have recov-

no vote on the issue. Paparemborde, backed by the former captain, Jean-Pierre Rives, had called for Berbizier's resignation after France's unexpected 20-24 defear against Argentina in Nantes on November 14.

Paparemborde will remain a member of the executive committee. (Agencies)

muscles which at one stage made him doubtful for last Satuday's game against

Dath have called up Craig Raymond, at stand-off half, and Dave Egerton, at No. 8, for their third-round Pilkington Cup tie at Water-loo. The pair replace Stuart Barnes and Ben Clarke, who are on duty for the Barbarians. Huw Davies, the former England stand-off half, whose

match-winning performance took Wasps back to the top of the Courage League last weekend, has been dropped for their cup tie at Rosslyn Park. Adrian Thompson, whose de-layed return from Dubai gave Davies his chance, is restored

Moseley have asked fraud squad detectives to continue investigating accounting ir-regularities at the club. West Midlands police were called in four months ago when about £30,000 of a record £120,000 loss was unaccounted for.

GOLF

Floyd still hoping to win the Open to crown his career

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

RAYMOND Floyd, who even at the age of 50 remains one of the fiercest competitors in the game, dropped his guard as he prepared for the Australian Open, which starts here today at The Lakes golf club. If I could make a pact with the devil. I'd take a British Open and happily retire the next day," he said.

His desire to complete the full set of major champion-ships dates from 1986 when, at 44, he became the oldest winner of the US Open. He had won the US PGA Championship (1969 and 1982) and the Masters (1976).

"If I keep playing the way I am now then I honestly believe it is possible," Floyd said. I gave myself a chance in both the Masters and the Open this year, and I think it would be easier for me to win a major than a regular Tour event. There are a lot of players who can win regular events, there are only about 20 with a real chance of winning

This has been a mixed year for Floyd. In February, his home was destroyed by fire and the family lost almost everything it owned, including his golf trophies. Two weeks later, he won the Doral Open, and after turning 50 in Sep-tember, he quickly made his mark on the US PGA Seniors' Tour with a tournament.

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Out 3,340 36 Total yardage: 6,801

guys I first played with when turned pro in 1961," Floyd said. "But age is but a number. There are fellows older than me who are younger, and fellows younger who are older. It's a mental state, how you feel. The day I enter a tournament and I can't feel that I can win, then that is the day I will quit."

That day is not on the

immediate horizon. He admitted it was a tough decision to miss Thanksgiving Day at home but he shares with Jack Nicklaus, who won it six times, the belief that the Australian Open is the fifth major

"I have a good chance," he fully say that I don't think there's anyone in the game hitting the ball better than I

Craig Parry, who won the Australian Masters in February and the Australian PGA championship on Sunday, Wayne Riley, the defending champion, and Ian Baker-Finch, the 1991 Open chamctory. pion, head the Australian
"The Seniors' Tour gives me challenge in the absence of
chance to have fun with the Greg Norman.

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SCHOOLS SPORT

Britton benefiting from expansive approach

BY CHRISTOPHER DIGHTON

THE past three rugby matches for the Newcastle under Lyme School full back, Jonathan Britton, have been highly productive. Britton has scored a remarkable 75 points: collecting ten in a 15-3 win over Denstone; 18 in a 32-18 defeat by King's, Macclesfield; and 47 as King Edward VI, Stafford, were besten 110-10

110-10.
"He has benefited from our open style of play. By spreading it wide, we make space for the full back coming into the line and Jonathan has made the most of his chances," Tony

Askew, the master-in-charge of rugby at the school, said.

Newcastle-under-Lyme face a tough task when they play King Edward's, Aston. next week. King Edward's are former winners of the Daily Mail Under-15. Cur and that are Under-15 Cup and that suc-

cessful_squad has graduated to the first team.

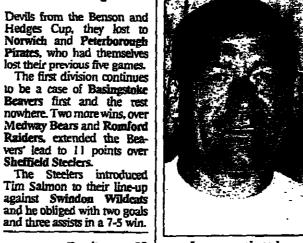
Uppingham, who visited Toulouse in half-term and had a coaching session with the England stand-off half, Rob Andrew, have also trained under the guidance of Barrie Corless, at Northampton, and been put through

ton, and been put unough their paces by the former England and Leicester stand-off half, Les Cusworth.

"It has paid off, with the school having nine players capped by Leicestershire coits," Dr Andrew Cunning-ham said "Uke will need all ham said. "We will need all the help we can get for our big game against Oundle on De-cember 5." Recent wins for Uppingham include a 10-3 victory over Stamford, Lin-colnshire, and a 15-0 success against Nottingham High

JUDO

Reshuffle floors Britain's key coaches



bronze medals at the Barcelona Olympics, the three key coaching figures have left (a Special Correspondent writes).

team manager, has been made redundant after a reorganisation in which fulltime managers will be replaced by part-time trainers. He is considering going to an industrial tribunal.

Roy Inman OBE, who took British women's judo to the highest international level, has resigned with his assistant coach. Ann Hughes. "I can confirm that I am no

longer employed by the British

This suggests a number of unresolved issues between him and the BJA

still have a job in the New Year and, four days later, I received a redundancy notice." Reorganisation of the nat-

ional squad system has been orchestrated by George Kerr, elected chairman of the BJA.

Mapp claims this was done without consultation and in contravention of his contract. Kerr refused to comment but said he will issue an official statement at the British national championships at Crys-

tal Palace on December 6. Mapp, 39, was appointed manager of the Britain men's team in 1986. "This has come as a severe blow to me," he said. "I have given my life to judo and I think I have cause

The coach-manager spot-light now falls on Neil Adams.

Auswers from page 40 ATELIER

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Spanish astillero a dock to build ships on, from astilla rafter, bith,
chip: "The great atelier where wheel and lathe were humaning."

(c) A branch of a family, in law, the person who with his descendants forms a branch of a family, from the Latin stirps stem, stock: "His brothers succeed to the exclusion of his issue female, and each brother becomes a stirps."

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"By avulsion or division of the Sea, Sicily was divided and severed

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE Black forced resignation with 1 ... g3! and if 2 hzg3 Rzg3+!

Warriors march to top after double victory

ICE HOCKEY

WHITLEY Warriors, with wins over Billingham Bombers and Durham Wasps, are the new leaders in the premier division of the Heineken League (Norman de Mesquita

They led 6-1 in the first period of the first match and went on to beat the Bombers 10-6. The next day they registered their second win in eight days over the Wasps.
Cardiff Devils and
Bracknell Bees, who shared

ten goals, are joint second, one point behind the Warriors.

Nottingham Panthers con-tinue to give cause for concern

— after their dismissal by the

Devils from the Benson and Hedges Cup, they lost to Norwich and Peterborough Pirates, who had themselves lost their previous five games. The first division continues to be a case of Basingstoke Beavers first and the rest

Raiders, extended the Beavers' lead to 11 points over Sheffield Steelers The Steelers introduced Tim Salmon to their line-up against Swindon Wildcats and he obliged with two goals

and three assists in a 7-5 win.

THREE months after guiding that is all I am prepared to say Britain to two silver and two at the moment." Inman said.

Arthur Mapp, the men's

Judo Association [BJA] but

In a statement, Hughes said: "I was told that I would

and Seth Birch, the national coach. In July, Birch become technical director, running the national squads and supervising inman and Mapp — even in coaching, in which he has had virtually no top-level experience.

to feel bitter."

the 1981 world champion, and Mark Earle, a former international. They are almost certain to feature in Kerr's plans for the future.

Champagne Lad to crown chase double for Findon

CHAMPAGNE Lad, from Josh Gifford's in-form Findon stable, can plunder today's most valuable prize, the Mag-nus Novices' Chase at Taun-

For a horse who was having only his second race over fences, he did exceptionally well at Huntingdon last time when he was beaten only a neck by the much more experienced Emsee-H in the Macer Gifford Chase, the race run annually in memory of his

Before that Champagne Lad, who won twice over hurdles, had shown promise in his first race over fences at Newbury where he finished

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

third behind Travado and What's In Orbit.

Having finished a creditable second to Sybillin at Ascot last Friday. What's In Orbit obviously comes into the reckoning here, especially as he has beaten Champagne Lad on the only occasion they have

In preferring Champagne Lad now, I am maintaining that his Huntingdon run was a step up on what he achieved at Newbury first time out.

Recent evidence to support this view came at Towcester on Saturday when Very Very Ordinary, beaten a length into third place at Huntingdon, belied his name with a 12-

length victory.
Gifford, who is mounting a four-strong raid on the Somerset track, can also carry off the Magnus Symphony Novices' Handicap Chase with Cool And Easy.

The distance of three miles will not pose a problem for my selection, who won a point-topoint over the trip in Ireland during his formative years. His first race over fences in

has his second race over fences in the Bingham Novices' Mary Reveley has always maintained that steeplethis country at Wetherby was chasing would be his game,

even though he managed to attain high rank over hurdles. Those who saw him make that winning start at Ayr would be quick to agree with her.

Reveley should also be among the winners at Carlisle with Kinfams Dancer (1.50)

be on Cab On Target when he

and Arthur's Minstrel, both of

whom had already run.

and Grey Power (3.20). The former was a creditable third first time out in the race won by her better-fancied stable companion, Babcock Bay, while the latter goes unpenalised for winning at Wetherby. Loch Garanne is napped to win the Libra Gravure Cylinders Novices' Hurdle following that heartening victory at Wetherby while Yahech, a

smart long-distance hurdler.

can make a smooth transition

to fences in the Libra Gravure

Cylinders Novices' Chase.

evening opening BETTING shops could stay ished third to Threeoutoffour open in the evenings next

Sendai and Duke Of sociation (Bola) was told yes-Aprolon, the other members terday (Michael Seely writes). of the Findon raiding party, Tom Kelly, director-general em likely to be foiled: Sendai of Bola, said: "If the government were to move auickly. by Fairfields Cone in the Magnus Holt JCB Limited Mares Only Handicap Hur-dle: Duke Of Aprokon by Pontynyswen in the first diviwe could have evening opening by next summer. We believe that we might have achieved it this year were it sion of the Magnus Redland not for the election and, in Novices' Hurdle. view of the national lottery At Nottingham, all eyes will planned for 1994, the time is

right now." A survey conducted for Bola by Gallup has shown that the majority of customers want betting shops to remain open in the evening.

Support for

year, a conference of the

Betting Office Licensees' As-

Nearly two-thirds of those asked felt it was likely they would visit a betting shop in the evening, while half expected their interest in evening racing to increase.

The strongest response re-ceived in the survey was the 72 per cent in favour of betting shops deciding for themselves when to open and when to close.

"Peter Lloyd, the minister responsible, has received the results of the survey and if we are to get things started by next year we would like a decision fairly soon." Kelly added_

"Evening opening is surely a logical development. When we move into line with Europe over summertime, we should be able to hold even more evening meetings."

Opposition grows to French challenger for Hennessy

BY MICHAEL SEELY

ALTHOUGH The Fellow has been confirmed a definite runner in Saturday's Hennessy Gold Cup. strong market opposition to the French challenger developed vesterday. More than half an inch of rain fell at Newbury on Tues-

day night, prompting Lad-brokes to ease The Fellow's odds from 11-2 to 6-1. After sustained support, the firm have cut Chatam from 9-2 to 7-2 and Jodami from

9-2 to 4-1. Captain Dibble was well backed each-way and trimmed from 11-2 to 9-2. "The punters have contoned on to the fact that the weights

won't go up and that the ground is likely to be soft," John Thompson, Ladbrokes' ante-post manager, said. Together with Arazi, who

was travelling to Newmarket to begin his career as a stallion at Dalham Hall, The Fellow landed at Cambridge airport

yesterday afternoon.

Speaking from Lamorlaye,
François Doumen, trainer of
The Fellow, said: "We've had to take the gamble. I know it rained at Newbury last night but the morning was fine and the wind was blowing. I'm just hoping that there'll be no more rain, though it will be very difficult to scratch the horse now that he's there."

Optimistic news about the state of the ground came from Richard Pridham, clerk of the course. "We've been very lucky. Although it's soft on the far side, it's only good to soft in the straight," he said.

will be taken after he has

Doumen: confirmed The Fellow's participation

Those who walked the course yesterday, however, considered the going to be on the soft side. This was confirmed when Gordon Richards said that Twin Oaks is now a likely runner.

"The heavier the ground becomes the better," Joanie Richards, the trainer's wife, said. "There's now a good chance that he'll run." A decision about Cool Ground, the top weight, who fell at Aintree on Saturday.

worked this morning. Other Hennessy news concerned Mark Dwyer. Jodami's jockey reported that his ribs were still bruised after his fall from Unde Ernie at Huntingdon and gave up his rides at

Hexham yesterday. "I'm going to ride out in the morning and if I feel OK, I'll go to Nottingham," Dwyer said. "Whatever happens, I'll be fit for Jodanni. And I don't have to pass the doctor first." Ladbrokes bet: 7-2 Chatam. 4-1 Jodami, 9-2 Captain Dib-ble. 6-1 The Fellow, 8-1 Gambling Royal, 10-1 Latent Talent, 14-1 Party Politics,

Haines warning on VAT

HEADS of the racing and breeding industries yesterday accused the government of driving owners, trainers and breeders abroad by imposing a harsher VAT regime than in other EC countries from next year (Sheila Gunn wries).

With Tattersalls having announced on Tuesday plans to move its Houghton yearling sales from Britain to Ireland next year, industry representatives yesterday warned the Commons employment committee of the risk of further damage to their industry, with the possible loss of thousands of jobs, because of Treasury ministers' refusal to heed their warnings.

16-1 Bishops Hall, 20-1 bar.

Christopher Haines, chief executive of the Jockey Club. said that buyers in Britain will have to pay 17.5 per cent VAT from January 1, compared to 2.7 per cent in Ireland and 5.5 per cent in France.

Haines estimated that about 30,000 jobs were directly af-fected by the industry and a further 100,000 indirectly. "We are critical of the government and think it has been slow to heed the threats." Haines said.

Gifford backs Taunton initiative

JOSH Gifford sends horses to
Taunton today for the first
to the one per cent or 1.5 per time in more than a decade due to the go-ahead philoso-phy of the West Country racecourse (Richard Evans writes).

The Findon trainer explained yesterday why he has deliberately gone out of his way to support a fixture which has added prize-money of £4,000 in four races, £5,000 in one race and £6,000 for the day's feature event.

"It is fantastic prize-money they are putting up and yet they are charging owners an entry fee of only half a per cent of the added money. For the £4,000-added races it is only

MANDARIN

1.00 Court Room.

1.30 Cool And Easy.

2.00 Fairfields Cone.

3.30 Handy Dove.

2.30 Champagne Lad.

4.00 Angelo's Double.

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RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Sendai.

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TAUN'ON ...

1.00 Bel Bareka.

2.30 What's In Orbit.

3.00 Pontynyswen.

3.30 Emerald Moon.

4.00 Angelo's Double.

2.00 Sendal.

to the one per cent or 1.5 per cent charged by some courses.
"I have not been to Taunton

for the best part of 20 years and the only reason I have entered horses is to support the racecourse," Gifford said.
"Taonton's effort is marvellous and ought to make the Newburys and Sandowns of the racing world look to their

Entry fees are left to the courses' discretion although half a per cent of added money

is the minimum. Tony Shewen, clerk of the course, said yesterday he had deliberately kept entry fees to a minimum to encourage owners and trainers to enter. Although Shewen frames most races to suit the needs of

the large number of small trainers based near Taunton. he selects a few days a year aimed at widening the course's appeal. "I have a very loyal membership and crowd here and they do like to see horses from

elsewhere occasionally." Shewen said. "This will be one of those days." Today's valuable card is due in large part to sponsorship provided by Joe Richards, who runs the Bridgewater-based

Magnus Builders.

2.30 MAGNUS NOVICES CHASE (£4,201: 2m 3t) (8 runners)

11-2315 SCITION 13 (0.F) (D Rebinson) R 0'Stefans 6-11-5 D 0'Stefans 74
FD40-32 CHUMPAGNE LAD 13 (F.G.S) (P James) J (Stord 6-11-1 D Marphy (B)
FP47F ERRINGHACH 9 (Notes) Mas S Wilders 8-11-1 J Means
G008-04 MARMUS PWA 15 (0.S) (R Stefans 8-11-1 J Means
1008-04 MARMUS PWA 15 (0.S) (R Stefans 8-11-1 J Means
1008-04 MARMUS PWA (BP) J Whelen I Hedge 6-11-1 M Richards 90
D06AUSP RIVER REEF 7 (A Mercy) M Maggadige 6-11-1 M Richards 90
D06AUSP RIVER REEF 7 (A Mercy) M Maggadige 6-11-1 M Richards 90
040000, PREF DOPRESSION 9 (Mat J Broyks) Mas 5 Brooks 7-10-10 M Hygwise 51
7405 & J (Marmons Let 2.1 Mat J Broyks) Mas 5 Brooks 7-10-10 M Hygwise 51 SETTING: 8-4 Champagne Lad, 2-1 What's In Orbit, 5-1 Peace Officer, 7-1 Scaleoi, 16-1 Magnes Pyr 15-1 Fee Econosion, 50-1 Earthopsich, River Reel.

1981: AMONG FRIENDS 6-11-1 A Magains (5-1) & Baiding 14 fan FORM FOCUS

SCOTONE bear Gilston Lass 41 in an 8-numer nov-ice chase at Fontand on penaltimate start (2m-3t, MP/GME LAD neck 20d of 7 to Emisse-H in a Iparelicap chase at Hemingdon led i fine out (2m 4) 1994; good). MASHUS PYM 131 4h of 6 to Horthern Jists in a handicap chase at Worsester (2m, 201).

PEACE OFFICER 21 2nd of 6 to Mr Jamborne In a anvice classe at Kempton (2nd, good). WHAT'S Mr ORBIT 81 2nd of 5 to Syblitin in the grade II flural Park Novices Chase at Ascal lest time and (2nd, good to suit). Previously, 3941 2nd of 6 to Taxado in a novice classe at Mentury (2nd 11, good) with CHAMPAGNE LAB (same lems) 300 3nd. Selection: PEACE OFFICER

3.00 MAGNUS REDLAND NOVICES HURDLE (Div I; £2,775; 2m 1f) (10 runners)

9 3002-F RUM PAST FOR GOLD 13 (5 Masson) 6 Basiling 5-10-7 S Hadgesin 83
10 MEARLY HORIEST 422F (J Cullen) R Hodges 4-10-6 A Topy —
BETTMER: 7-4 Posityripaera, 7-2 Dutin QI Aprolon, 4-1 Fair Brother, Welch Stoger, 10-1 Ron Fest For Gold, 14-1 Coheny Prince, Frony Road, 16-1 Mearly Fineset, 22-1 Studelat, 33-1 Enterprinc Lady.

1991: BALLERINA ROSE 4-9-13 V Statery (10-1) O U'Nelli 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

(22,944: 2m 1f) (12 mmers)

1 281112 NANDY DOVE 23 (D.BF,F.G) (J Price) R Price 5-11-10 D Togg 87

2 342-054 RLASKET HERO 23 (S) (D Coard) Mrs S Williams 4-11-3 S Michiell (S) 4 402-01 CARDMAR BRD 15 (B.S) (J Panel S Meller 5-11-0 M Prices 83

4 3622-10 KEY DEAR 35 (B.CD.) (G Solman) P Michiels 5-10-12 M Hourigan (S) 90

5 035 MARTHAU. 17 Pairs A Sandes) K Balloy 4-10-9 Pale 1005-9 Patri Hobbs 90

7 450064 JLASK RSE 12 (P Evering C Wendon 4-10-8 Pale 1005-9 S Burrough 97

8 2540-31 BalerALD MOUNT 4 (CD.S) (P Reymouth W G Tenner 5-10-4 S Burrough 97

9 004024 THUHOOL 10 (E Nolg R Row 4-10-4 T Grantman 90

10 PIPE 35 SYONEY BARRY 7 (D.S) (P Jonen) R Backier 7-10-0 B Powell 97

11 00/5 SUDAKE 15° (D Admir) B Rockier 7-10-0 B Powell 97

12 PODST-0 LASKUSKTY 14 (P Prignip) R Hodge 5-10-0 C Liberallyn - Long Ismalican: Sydney Barry 9-13, Aktathe 9-8, Lensingth 9-4

BETTHIR: 3-1 Hancy Dove, 4-1 Cardinal Bart, Elmand Moon, 8-1 Just, Lark Rise, 10-1 Key Dear, Machdual, Thebool, 12-1 Blastel Harn, 14-7 Sydney Barry, 16-7 Aktathe, 25-1 Lensingth 10 Carl

HANDY DOVE 31 2nd of 8 to Miss Simons in a novice bandical hards at Harstori (2m 31 110)-d, good to soft, with CARDINAL BRD 78 8h. BLASKET HERO 111 4th of 14 to Beard Hank in a novice hands at Euler (3m 27, good).

CARDINAL BRD best Sandtord Springs 11 in a 6-throng smoke hards at Morestar (2m, soft, with SKYNEY BARRY (7th bester of) 18 3rd, KEY DEAR test Church Star 12 in a 10-turner conditional topicy? novice hards over course and distance (good), with LAVALIGHT (5th mores of) 14 8n.

THI-HOUL 17 4th of 16 to Front Page in a conditional topicy? novice hards over course and distance (firm).

1 SO/2 EL VOLADOR 9 (I Baleo) R O'Seillean S-10-12 D O'Seillean (3) 8/
2 (POPP - JELLY MORTON 252 (D Pragely) M Wilders 7-10-12 W McFarland
3 (Page) MELTRY SUPPLESS 895 (L Conseil) L Concet 3-10-12 S McGarland
4 40000/ MORTHLANDS WAY 897 (Conceaght Group Ltd) P Hobbe 7-10-12 Peter Hobbe 5 TALLAND STREAM (COR R Stewnight) T Florida 5-10-12 C Lieuwilyn 6 AMBASSAROOR ROYALL 141F (Apollo Ecosisson Racios) D R Tucker 4-10-11 N Hawdo 7 S2 AMSBLO'S DOUBLE 21 (SP) (R Keisy) 6 Ham 4-10-11 B Powell (8)
8 00-0 PADDY'S BOLD 23 (K P Recipy Partnership) C Broad 4-10-11 Marin Jones 9 YERRONT MAGIC 36F (C Rilssonn) H Hodges 4-10-11 W Invite 10 S3-0P TEA-LADY 24 (E Bestey) Mel A King 4-10-8 M Lynch BETTINGS 4-8 Region's Double, 7-2 D Velador, 5-1 Amptescador Royale, 6-1 Talland Stream, 14-1 Varmost Magic, 25-1 Mortelands Way, 33-1 Million's Double, 5-1 Amptescador Royale, 6-1 Talland Stream, 14-1 Varmost Magic, 25-1 Mortelands Way, 33-1 Million's Double, 5-1 Amptescador Royale, 6-1 Talland Stream, 14-1 Varmost Magic, 25-1 Mortelands Way, 33-1 Million's Double, 5-1 Amptescador Royale, 6-1 Talland Stream, 14-1 Varmost Magic, 25-1 Mortelands Way, 33-1 Million's Double, 5-1 Amptescador Royale, 6-1 Talland Stream, 14-1 Varmost Magic, 25-1 Mortelands Way, 33-1 Million's Double, 5-1 Amptescador Royale, 6-1 Talland Stream, 14-1 Varmost Magic, 25-1 Mortelands Way, 33-1 Million's Double, 5-1 Amptescador Royale, 6-1 Talland Stream, 14-1 Varmost Magic, 25-1 Mortelands Way, 33-1 Million CORRESPONDING DAYSION

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4.00 MAGNUS REDLAND NOVICES HURDLE

(Dly II: £2,775: 2m 1f) (10 numbers)

WELEH SINSER best Carditas 41 in a 10-numer nortice hastle at Fortivell (2m 2l. Brm). DUKE OF APPOLIN 61 3rd of 18 to Castle Countiesus in a control hastle at Fortivell (2m 2l. good to soid), with SHJTAPUT (same terms) 281 6th. Fykir SHJTAPUT (same terms) 281 6th. Fykir SHJTAPUT (same terms) 281 6th. soid of 10 to Brusboy in a covice hundle at Newton Abbot on paratimete start.

(£2,944; 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1.30 MAGNUS SYMPHONY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE 3.30 MAGNUS M J STEVENS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

SIS

P Scudenore 84 M Brown (7)

2212 FATHER DOWLERS 18 (8F,5) (Mas E Haycock) & Baiding 5-12-0 A Lo Jeune (7) 87
2 3500TF PHARACH BLUE 6 (V.D.F.5) (A Classes) M Pipe 8-11-7 D Filichmond (5) 96
3 PS300-1 MOUGAT RUSSE 7 (0.6) (D Langdon) N Twiston-Dories 11-41-0 (Yes) C Maurin 68
4 02-2921 MORTHERN SADOLER 14 (C.6) (R Beaus) R Hondon's 5-10-12 W Invite 93
5 (7/3506-3 COCI. AND EASY 27 (5) (R Pelment) J Eliford 5-10-11 D Memphy 93
5 PT3-FT3 HAND OUT 9 (Methicsb Rucing) R Bucklet 8-10-3 J Microry (7) 7
5 004PUP NELSAC 14 (8) (6 Molen) G Hann 8-10-3 B Proved 1-BETTING: 6-4 Conf And Easy, 5-2 Fother Dowling, 5-1 Northern Saddini, 6-1 Moogal Russa, 7,1 Phasain Stus, 16-1 Hand Cut, 25-1 Nelsac. 1997: MOSTER ED 8-11-13 D Monts (100-30) R Curts 9 cm

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Hereford

FATHER DOWLING 51 2nd of 9 to Cythere in a nowice chase at Fonthell (3m 2) 110yd, good to soft). Previously, beat Gold Cap a short head in a 10-tunner novice chase over the same course and detained good.

PHARAOM BLIE 3nd, and ridden when tell last on chasmy debut in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in an 8-tunner novice race at leading of the soft in a 10-tunner heading in a soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis. Soft in a 9-tunner analysis should be soft in a 9-tunner analysis should

2.00 MAGNUS HOLT JCB LTD MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE

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MSS BOBBY BENNETT 6: 4m of 22 to Biode-bonies in a hardiscap hunde at Haydock on the start for sexon (2m, good). SCHOAT 1141 2nd of 8 to Thetiprof Forest in a condex hundle at Warnight in February (2m 5), soll). FARMELIS CORE 32 2nd of 7 to Anthi Albina in a conditional jodierys handi-cap hundle at Cheltertrem (2m 51, good to solf). Selection: SCHOAT

COURSE SPECIALISTS **JOCKEYS** 50.0 P Scuttmore 28 9 M Perstit 21.4 M Foster 18.8 P Holley 14.3 N Many

E. VOLADOR 151 2nd of 5 to Emecute Storm to a newton transfer at Warmick (2m, soft). AMSELO'S DOUBLE short-heart 2nd of 17 to Playing Transm in a newton transfer at Winnerston Cim., good). TALLAND STREAM helf-brother to winning Selection: AMSELO'S DOUBLE RESULTS FROM TEST ENDAY STRIFFE MEETINGS.

3.00 (2m ch) 1. Star Of Italy (5 MoNeil, 6-1); 2. Bid Quil (6-1); 3. Pritali Bay (5-1). Burgurdy Boy 6-4 iav 10 ran. NR hoby Brown 104, 101. A Turnell. Tota: 27.10, E1 70, E1.80, E1 40; DF 59.80. CSF: CS8.46 Tricest: E171.85.
3.30 (2m 1f liet) 1. Wild Bramble (J. Codd, 6-4); 2. Beautiful Dreem (20-1); 3. Grime A Buzz (6-4 iav), 16 ran. NR: Draikes Courny, Nr. 51, Mrs G Reveley, Tota: 22.60; E1.10, E2.40, E1.90 DF £15.50. CSF. E30 88 Going: heavy 12.30 (2m 11 hole) 1. Clurican (R Dun-woody 8-13 lav), 2. Land Of The Free (4-1), 3. Sandro (20-1) 10 ran 6, 12. D Nacholson Tote E1 60. E1 10. E1 70, E3 50. F 53 80 CSF: £3 59. Nacholson Total Et 80, 27 to 1, 27 to 2, 25 to 1, 25 to 2, 25 to 1, 20 (2m 31 ch) 1, Calabrase (fi Dunnocot), 11.8 (2x); 2, Maveenich (11-4); 3, 5t Nodot), 11.8 (2x); 2, Maveenich (11-4); 3, 5t Nodot), 11.2 (11-4); 3, 11 N Henderson, Total C2.10 DF: 23.50 CSF: 24.94
1.30 (2m 31.10 yrd hele) 1, Chiarrascuro (M Hourigan, 5-1), 2, 2 miles Ahead (9-4 tay); 3, Barely Black (25-1), 12 ran, 124, 41 P Notobs, 104: 26.70, 12-40, C1.50, C2.50, DF: 27.50
CSF £15.92 Tricasi: 2238.45, 2.40 (2m 31.10 yrd hele) 1, Schweeppes Torice (M A Fichpraid, 13-8 lay), 2, Herpley (14-1), 3, Northern Optimist (14-1), 11 ran, 30; sh hol W Price Total £2.80, £1.40, 63.00, £1.50 DF £14.30, CSF: £21.09, Notober (14-1), 11 ran, 20; sh hol W Price Total £2.80, £1.40, 63.00, £1.50 DF £14.30, CSF: £21.09, Notober (14-1), 11 ran, 20; sh hol W Price Total £2.80, £1.40, 63.00, £1.50 DF £14.30, CSF: £21.09, Notober (14-1), 11 ran, 20; sh hol W Price Total £2.80, £1.40, 63.00, £1.50 DF £14.30, CSF: £21.09, Notober (14-1), 11 ran, 20; sh hol W Price Total £2.80, £1.40, 63.00, £1.50 DF £14.30, CSF: £21.09, Notober (14-1), 11 ran, 20; sh hol W Price Total £2.80, £1.40, 63.00, £1.50 DF £14.30, CSF: £21.09, £1.40, 63.00, £1.40, 63.00, £1.40, 63.00, £1.40, £1.

Placepot: £38.10. Hexham

| Color | Colo 1); 3, Say Little (12-1); 14 res. NR: Beboock 2.30 (3m 11 110)(4 ch) 1, Light Veneer (M Lynch, 5-4 (avi); 2, Daridorook, (11-4), 3, Another Canterd (66-1); 11 ran. NR: Sens-more Only 9, 301 Mrs M Jones Tota-2.30, C1.20, C1.20, C5.10, DF: 23.80, DSF. 1,50 (2m 110)(4 ch) 1, Milliany Honour (Mr 5; Senss, 10-1); 2, Captern Case (6-1); 3,

\$39.76
2.20 (2m 4) 110yd hdie) 1, Sarphii (C Grant, 6-1): 2, South Stack (3-1): 3, Eastern Pleasure (4-1), Mr Elk 2-1 (2m, 7 rsn. NR: Solitary Resport, Hd. B. L Lungo, Tota-05.50; 2.20, 5.240 DF; £10.30 CSF: £25.26; Tricast £78.68. 225.28. Tricest: £78.69.
2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch): 1, Watertight (P. Neve, 6-5. fac; Mandarin 2 Richard Brune's nap); 2. Dublous: Jake (14-1); 3. Polit Dence (14-1), 3 ran. NR: Trapain Law. Sh hd, 25i. Miss G. Revelley. Trote: £2.20; £1.10, £3.40, £2.10 DF: £14.80. CSF: £16.68. Tricest: £14.79.0.
3.20 (2m hdfe) 1, Seon (N Bentley, 7-1), 2, Dutch (Blues) (10-1); 3, Mrs. Jawleybord (5-1). Sonor (Sassis 13-8 is 9. 10 ran. 201. 3. W. Bentley, Tote: £5.70; £1.50. £1.70, £1.70 DF: £31.40. £417.70.

Placepot: £417.70.

N Handerson (cas: C1.40: C1.20, C3.40. DF. E10.50. CSF: 59.91)

1.45 (2m 1f Indie) 1, Manhattan Boy (J Ctarke, Evers tav); 2, Chrampagne Ruin (14-1); 3, Sam The Man (34-1), Bran 15, 45. J. Fitich-Heyes. Tote: E170, E1.10, E2.10, A.10. DF: 59.00. CSF: E13.97. Thoast: £250.88. No bid.

2.75 (3m 11 10yd chi 1, Sămup Cup (J Ceborns, 5-4 iav), 2, Rare Luck (9-2); 3, Point Medie (7-1), 9 ran, 7, 25. C Egenton. Tote: £2.50, £1.40, £1.60, £2.40 DF-£1.70 CSF: £7.06 Tricss: £24.97.

2.45 (2m 1f Indie) 1, Darie To Dream (A Maguire, 13-8 tav); 2, Miss Doodly (6-1); 3, Dominant Force (7-2), 8 ran, 8, 101. R Akehurst, Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.50, £1.20. DF-£8.20. CSF. £10.62 DF 9829. CSF. 17052 3.15 (2m et) 1, Old Read (N Williamson, 5-1); 2, Greenwhe (10-1); 3, Kisu Kall (13-2). Belmoredeen 6-4 lav. 9 ran. 15l, nk. 0 Winds. Tole: 57.70; 21.70, 23.40, 21.80 DF: 218.50 CSF: 242.97. Plumpton
Going: soft
1.10 (2m of India) 1, Certigeen Lad (J
Kevenogh, 1-3 lav), 2, Electric Buck (25-1);
Placepot: \$25.70.

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN 1.10 Ready To Draw. 1.40 Winabuck.

2,40 Cab On Target. 3.10 Croft Mill.

2.40 Cab On Target. 3.10 Andermatt. 3.40 Clares Own.

1.10 Ready To Draw. 1.40 WINABUCK (nap).

2.10 Only A Rose.

THUNDERER

RICHARD EVANS: 3.40 Alan Ball.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 ONLY A ROSE.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) 1.10 KEGWORTH SELLING HURDLE (£1,643; 2m) (12 runners) PD-P SHARP ISSUE 5 (M O'Toole) M Cappman 4-11-9.

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SURAN MELODY 12 (B,BF) (Mrs F Paten) Jimmy Fitogradid 3-10-7.

M Owyer 9

SAYMOR'S BOY 41F (R Baled) T (Mrsey 3-10-7.

SUSSEN KERSEY)
LORD INSPITUIE 8F (Mrs K Donneby) J Jenders 3-10-7.

P Missiery (S)

4 READY TO DRAW 29 (M M Racing Luf) Romaid Thempson 3-10-7.

G Harter 8

U STAG MISSET 40 (M) 4-Potts A Pater 3-10-7.

T Potts

O ARAGONA 19 (P Candell) P Candell 3-70-2.

W Marrison (S)

CAPPAHODSN 20F (Mrs P Baled) H Collegradge 3-10-2.

V Smoth
FARAN 1-17F LY Turnel J Turner 3-10-2.

W M Ty (T)

RLY FOR SOLD 66F (J Gallain) D Arbuthnot 3-10-2.

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C A Beach TO Down 4-1 Dan Methods 7-10-2.

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 Handy Dome, 3-1 Day Melbody, 7-2 Hornooth, 5-1 Cappalhooth, 6-1 Lord Mephine, 12-1 Fly For 1 August, 25-1 Parisionne King, Stag Might, 33-1 Sharp Issue, 50-1 others. 1991: MORTHERN NATION 3-10-0 J Drescol (12-1) W Care 14 pm

1.40 WOLLATON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,574: 2m 5f 110yds) (13 runners)

1991: MR BOSTON 6-10-0 N Williamson (13-5 tw) A Woodbooks 5 san

2.10 MERIT HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,127: 2m) (9 runners)

1 46 RILL SHILLING 12 (Riss Sale Racing) R Carts 10-12. D Morris 87
1 146 RILL SHILLING 12 (Riss Sale Racing) R Carts 10-12. D Morris 87
2 1 KIVETON TYCOON 12 (CD.G) (s. H (Equipo) Lin) J Glover 10-12. S D Williams (3) 87
3 5 LOCAL RYER 14 (1) Benchi) J Banks 10-12. S Religibley 80
4 5 MIARR 12 (1 Benchi) J Banks 10-12. J A Harris 5
5 30321 EAU DYESPOR 12 (CD.G) (Group 1 Racing (1991) Lin) J Spearing 10-7. R Durnwoody 84
6 0 LASATURNE LADY 27 (M Crartes) M Chartes 10-7. W Marssian (5) 4
7 11 OBLY A ROSE 7 (R.S) (6 Reent (Thomason 10-7. D Williamson 88)
8 U SHAYMA MADEL 27 (R Green (Fine Paidings.)) Miss H kingta 10-7. J Disbottne 9
1 TAKE 17 W CASH 215 (R Adams) R Octobs 10-7. W Hamphreys BETTING: 6-4 Only A Rose, 7-4 Kiroton Tycoon, 6-1 Eau O'Espoir, 6-1 Staylor Maladel, 12-1 Full Shifting, 14-1 Local Piyer, 20-1 Marris, Fake 8 in Cach, 33-1 Lagaburre Lady.

1991: PILAS GURINER 10-12 D J Burchell (7-2) D Burchell 10 ran

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD Resected mamber. So-figure form (F— lett. P— pulled up. U— unstead indies. B— brought stown. S— stoped up. R— trabsed. B— from the description of the process name. Cays store last cutting: F if this. (B— biffrience V— viscor H— trabsed. S— pool. S— soft, good to soft, nearly.) Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and distance were CD— course where B— weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times distance were CD— course and distance. 2.40 BINGHAM NOVICES CHASE (£2,407: 2m 5i 110yds) (7 runners)

1 0/1112-1 CAB ON TARGET (2 (6.5) (Mrs. J Fulton) Mrs. G Reneley 6-11-4 _______ P Niven (9) BETTING: 1-6 Cab On Targel, 8-1 Wesbeef Boy, 10-1 Say Yeatune, 12-1 Jefferby, 16-1 Alaget Valley, 25-1 Mr. Taytor, 40-1 Eastern Stagesman. 1891: CAPBISDALE 5-10-12 P New (7-4) Mrs & Revoky & san

3.10 RAINWORTH NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,616: 2m 5f 110vds) (13 runners) SOFF-31 CROFT MILL 10 (5) (Lord Chelsea) Mass H Kelpta 6-11-5. J Osborne 96
34/092-P ANDERMATT 7 (The Marston Sept) J Mackie 5-10-12. C Hawkins 92
20 CLARE COAST 13 (J Water) J Wackie 6-10-12. K Jones 99
DOLBELE COUNT (Mrs. J Mackie) J Medicie 6-10-12. T Bey (7) —
80-0 HOLY MACKEREL 21 (D Chapman) N Henderson 5-10-12. R Domeroody 75
QVO NO ASHES 24 (Mrs. V Water) Mrs. V Ward 5-10-12. S D Williams (3) —
PO NORTHERN RAMBOW 33 (Ms. N Vaterson'i L Carophell 4-10-12. R Campbell —
PIP-40P SANDWOOD RPRINCE 37 (F) (Mrs. T Prichard) P Problem 3-10-12. Dr P Prichard —
PRIVL SANDWOOD REST (I Mercent L Learne 5-10-12. S D WEST MASSEN POS/O- SANDY BIRD 235F (T Kersey) T Nersey 5-10-12 13 21/25-05 THE MRS 18 (F) (G MANSOS) J MANSOS 6-10-7 ______ S Earle 96 BETTING: 5-4 Croft Malt, 7-2 Tresilian Bay, 5-1 Santala Salae, 8-1 Holy Mackerel, 10-1 The Mis, 12-1 Andermat, Clare Coast, 14-1 Sant Deep Date; 29-1 Santingor Prince, 25-1 Office.

1991: NO CORPESPONDING RACE 3.40 BULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,343; 2m) (9 runners) 1 IF4212 - BREENHOLLS PRIDE 283 (F. S) (Brieff Dit. Ltd) J. Jesides B-11-10 R Dunwoody 93
2 3794233 - BUARTHOLLS BOY 220 (F) (T Phistogron) A J Wilson 3-11-5 A Webb 55
3 43-SP36 ACHUTISUE 7 (D.F) (Matternot Ltd) F Yardey 8-11-1 D Gallagier 93
4 P55-147 CLARES GWN 13 (D.F.S) (J Webb J Wade 8-11-1 W Morton (F) FRIS-32 ALAN BALT 7 (B.CD.S) (A Hill) Miss S Wilson 6-10-12 W Morton (F) (B) 6 152-450 AFRECAN SAFARI B (CD.F) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-10-12 W Morton (F) (B) 8 / 1200P MEDWOOD LEADER 181 (D.F) (Mrs 7 Prichmor) P Prichard 11-10-8 Dr P Prichmor 8 9 51-2500 RUPPLES 68 (F) (C Hegee) M Chapmas 5-10-7 W Wortfalagion 94
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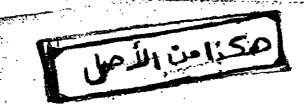
Japan's doors slow to open

JAPAN will open only one more big race to foreign thoroughbreds next year, despite pressure from abroad to allow more horses on to its lucrative circuit. The extra race is the group one Yasuda Kinen over a mile at Tokyo

racecourse on May 16. "We will decide whether more will be opened [from 1994] after consultations with local racing circles," Yoshitaka Kitahara, of the Japan Racing Association, said yesterday. "We believe foreign horses would come here but the local

breeders are very worried." At present, foreign race-horses can participate in only two races — the Japan Cup and its trial, the Fuji Stakes. ☐ Night Jar, trained by Lord Huntingdon and ridden by Alan Munro, won the listed £12,333 Prix Contessina at Evry yesterday at 3.2-1.





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Sainz celebrates at the double after Kankkunen's crash

By Stephen Slater

we can drive to finish."

slid into a ditch and lost four

minutes before heading for

repairs to the damaged sus-pension. Undaunted, McRae

immediately stormed into the

next stage at Glengap, setting

won the praise of his team-

mates, Ari Vatanen and Bru-

no Berglund, in second place.
"That was by far the most slippery stage of the rally."
Vatanen said. "My heart was

Kankkunen recovered from

his accident to set the fastest time on the two final special

stages of the rally, the 1991 champion moving to third place ahead of Markku Alen

and ignoring the loss of his championship crown. "I'm

concentrating hard, no more

final road section to Chester

gave him time to savour his success as he joined Miki

Biasion and Kankkunen as

multiple world champions.

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(It), Lancia, 32; 10, J Recalde (Arg),
Lancia 28.

For Sainz, 30, the 200-mile

problems," he said.

in my mouth."

AFTER four days and over Spain, celebrated double success last night. For the second time, he won both the Lombard RAC Rally and the world

The 1990 champion's victory was sealed when Juha Kankkunen lost second place after hitting a rock in the early stages of the final leg of the rally in Scotland. The Finn staged a storming recovery to finish the rally in third place behind Ari Vatanen.

Colin McRae also slid off the track but he survived to finish as the leading British driver in sixth place.

Despite heavy rain, thousands of fans again lined the forest tracks as the cars entered the start of six special stages before the cars returned to the rally finish in Chester.

Many supporters waited through the night, sleeping in their cars after driving from Kielder forest in Northumberland, where the previous special stage was cancelled after two damaged cars blocked the track.

Their persistence was rewarded with a dramatic start to the day. Halfway down the opening stage, Kankkunen hit a pothole at high speed and was blinded as muddy water cascaded on to his windscreen. Before he could regain visibility, the Lancia hit a rock,

LOMBARD RAC RALLY: 1. C Sainz and L Moya (Sp), Toyota, 5hr 23mm 08sec, 2. A Vatanen and B Berglund (Fin), Subaru, 5.25-22; 3. J Kanklounen and J Phronen (Fin), Lancia, 5.25-51; 4, M Alen and I Kverneld (Fin), Toyota, 5.26-35; 5. M Bession and T Swero (t), Ford, 5.26-47; 6, C McRee and D Ringer (GB), Subaru, 5.31; 14.

K Eriksson and S Parmander), Mitsublahi, 5.33:26; 8, T nen and S Hananne (Fin), Nissan, 07; 9, M Wilson and B Thomas

losing almost three minutes as difficult rally, very hard all the time. It was flat out from the the car limped to the finish for As Sainz passed his rival's first corner of the first special stage on Sunday and the race damaged car on the following was with Juha from the word road section, he knew the world title was over. "Kankk-

Even when McRae was unen's car is bent, a bit like bananas," Sainz, over the leading, my only thought was to beat Juha for the championradio to his team, said. "Now ship. It has been a year of fighting; it is very important to However, the drama was far from over as McRae's Subaru

true." he said. "It was a really

Despite McRae's disap-pointment in failing to be-come the first British driver to win the RAC since 1976, there was some good news for the Lanarkshire clan.

McRae's younger brother, Alister, 21, took victory in the group N category — for standard production cars - over minutes ahead of Gregoire de Mevius, of Belgium, who won the world group N title in his Nissan

Alister finished the rally in fourteenth place overall, the fourth British driver after Russell Brookes. in thirteenth. Malcolm Wilson, in ninth. and the older McRae, in sixth. "I'm obviously glad to finish but a bit disappointed not to be higher up after going so well on the first two days," Colin McRae said. "I'll remember Grizedale well but for

"I've learned a lot and gained valuable experience. I'll be even more determined to win my home rally next

all the wrong reasons.

Many of the turbo-charged, four-wheel drive supercars were humbled by the 600cc Trabant, driven by Michael Kahlfuss It refused to start on the final

day but, after responding to a push from the co-driver, Gunter Friedmann, it finally emerged from the forest in place — 3hr 28min



Sainz alive: Spain's world rally champion hurtles to the Lombard RAC title yesterday

Nebiolo resists calls for spread of prize-money

FINAL POSITIONS

PRIMO Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), reiterated here yesterday a determination to resist the introduction of prizemoney at world championships and, by inference, the Olympic Games (writes David Miller). Athletes' agents have been demanding prize-money running into millions of dollars for next year's championships at Stuttgart.

At a press conference before a gala to mark the creation of the IAAF here in Stockholm 80 years ago, Nebiolo declared that prizemoney for the senior championships was wholly against LAAF policy.

"Of course athletes must be rewarded," he said, "but they must not lose touch with the spirit of the sport. Grand prix events lat which there is substantial prize-money and world championships are quite different occasions and the athletes must understand

The result of the IAAF poll

for the male athlete of the year, announced vesterday. was also unequivocal. Kevin Young, the 400 metre hurdler who broke the world record on the way to an Olympic gold medal, comfortably beat Moses Kiptanui, of Kenya, and Carl Lewis. Linford Christie, the British 100 metre gold medal-winner, finished sixth.

In the women's poll. Heike Henkel, the German high jumper, narrowly beat her compatriot. Heike Drechsler. Sally Gunnell, of Britain, was **SPORTS POLITICS**

'Non-athletes' to share sports payouts

By JOHN GOODBODY

GOLF, shooting and archery are to be allowed by the government to receive grants from the Foundation for Sports and the Arts, which gives about £44 million a year to British sport, Grattan Endicott, secretary of the founda-tion, told delegates to the conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation

(CCPR) in Bournemouth. There has been an outery since the foundation was set up last year that "non athletic sports" could not benefit. Thousands of clubs and organisations have been unable to apply for grants from the foundation for improving facilities, because of thw wording of the original legislation.

But after pressure from several national governing bodies, the foundation has now persuaded the Treasury to a new formula in its funding.

Endicott added that the trustees were also keen to include "competitive games of the mind" like chess, but so far the government has given no indication whether it will agree to this change.

The foundation and the CCPR are also setting up a Sports Club of the Year competition with prizes of £10,000 and £5,000 for the best two. Endicon said that the foun-

dation was willing to set aside about £200,000 for the training before the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada. He admotted that there had been problems of communication

with the applicants, who average 500 a week. Many had been approved, but the foundation was waiting for the money from the three football pools firms. Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters, which set up the operation, to release the weekly donation of £1.25

He said that the methods of the foundation has been variously described as "lacking overall strategy" and "highly successful" but "We did not arrive merely to reinforce the established funding mechanisms to pile bureaucracy upon bureaucracy. We came quite simply to turn a new page and to attempt a new concept of funding, to break some hallowed shibboleths, and we are not surprised, nor

are we concerned, if there are those who feel jostled, challenged, and it shows." Earlier, Tom Pendry, the

shadow minister for sport, criticised the 'hidden crisis' of sports funding in Britain. He pointed out that local sports funding through the urban programme had fallen by £40 million during the past five years and that in the coming year total expenduture by local authorities on capital expendi-ture is set to fall to less than

half its level of 1989-90. Pendry also said that more than 1,000 voluntary sports clubs in England and Wales were denied rate relief last year by local authorities, some of whom have been forced to sell playing fields to shore up their finances.

ATHLETICS

Meyer runs into trouble over picking her race

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

metres silver medal-winner at the Olympic Games, has been turned away by organisers of the County Durham international cross country meeting on January 2 because, they say, she wanted to dictate who the opposition would be,

Meyer had reached a financial agreement with the race promoters. Nova international, to appear her first cross country race in Britain, but the deal has fallen through. "She is not running." Brendan Foster, of Nova, said yesterday. "We have told her that we do not accept her

Foster declined to say who Meyer wanted to avoid, but one can make the assumption with little risk of error that it was Lynn Jennings, the world champion from the United States. Jennings is heading for Durham before she attempts to win a fourth successive world title in Amorebieta, Spain, on March 28.

Jennings, the 10,000 metres Olympic bronze medalwinner, finished ahead of Liz McColgan in last year's two most important races. McColgan was 41st in the world cross country and fifth at the Olympics. According to Foster, she is unlikely to appear in Durham, where she

won last year. Meyer's Olympic duel with Derartu Tulu, the Ethiopian who took the gold, provided one of the lasting memories of Barcelona: black and white Africa meeting on the track

ELANA Meyer, the 10,000 field as South Africa returned

to the Olympics.

But Meyer has a lesson to learn, Foster said. "She is new on the circuit and I have never heard of people in cross country making demands on who should run and who should not." he said.

"We were not prepared to accept her surprising deput together the best field possible. We are on our way to doing that and it will not include Meyer. I am not angry, just taken aback. I was thrilled at the way she ran in the Olympics and I would love her to come and run our event, but you cannot dictate who you are running against."
It makes sense for Durham

to give Jennings priority. New statistics released by the International Amateur Athletic Federation make her the secand most successful competitor in the history of cross country. According to the figures, with 25 points awarded for winning a world title, and one point for coming 25th. Jennings trails only Grete Waitz, of Norway Jennings better at Amorebieta to leapfrog Waitz ☐ Steve Cram will run his first

5,000 metre race next month when he becomes the first British athlete to compete in South Africa for almost 20 years. He will race over 3,000 metres in Durban on December 9, a mile in Mossel Bay five days later, and 5,000 metres in Cape Town on December 17.

YACHTING

Chittenden's quick advance to Cape

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUNTA ARENAS

Nuclear Electric crew closed to within 700 miles of Cape Horn at the head of the British Steel Challenge round-theworld race yesterday, two more crews reported their first

sight of icebergs. Interspray, skippered by Paul Jeffes, and Vivien Cherry's Coopers & Lybrand, both spotted bergs more than 200 miles apart as they sailed into the colder climes of the Roaring Forty latitudes in the south Atlantic.

Peter Wells reported the excitement on board Interspray when working on the foredeck to change sails as the yacht careered along at ten knots into the night. "As the waves lift the bow, one can be 20 to 30 feet above the water one moment ... then up to your neck in frothing water as it surges down the decks. We are harnessed to the yacht at all times, and already this has proved essential.

There are moments when the adrenalin really gets you going, but it also gives you the

AS JOHN Chittenden and his strength to finish the job and return to the safety of the

> Nuclear Electric has been making such good progress during the week that race officials, who lost contact with the yachts overnight when the satellite tracking station was out of operation, now predict that Chittenden could round Cape Horn as early as Sunday. This could be as much as two days ahead of the rest of the fleet, with Group 4

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Securitas bringing up the rear on Wednesday or Thursday. Paris: Hopes of finding the missing American yachtsman,

Mike Plant, diminished yesterday when his boat was found empty near the Azores. Plant 41, set sail from New York on October 16 to take part in the Globe Challenge single-handed, round-theworld race which began on Sunday. He sent a distress signal on October 27 and nothing has been heard from him since. (Reuter)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Britons upset Sales pitch favourites

Wayne Davies, the world champion, and Lachie Deuchar, the favourite, lost to British opponents in the quarter-finals of the George Wimpey British Open real championships at Queen's Club yesterday.

Davies, of Australia, was beaten in straight sets by Chris Ronaldson, whose form belied his veteran status. Deuchar led Jonathan Howell 6-0, 6-1 but lost concentration in the third set. Howell meets Robert Fahey, another Australian, in the semi-finals; Ronaldson plays the No. 2 seed, Julian Snow.

Ligier sells

Motor racing: Guy Ligier has sold his Formula One team to Cyril de Rouvre, a French businessman, after 17 years in top-level competition.

nds only. See Rule 7 (f),

Cricket: Glamorgan have cut membership fees from £45 to £15 for next season to compensate supporters for the reduced home schedule brought about by four-day cricket. The deputy chairman, David Morgan, is to succeed Tony Lewis as dub chairman from March.

Davis's cup boost Yachting: Rod Davis. New

Zealand's America's Cup skipper, won all seven races on the first day of the round-robin eliminations in the Steinlager Cup in Auckland yesterday.

Ban queried

Swimming: Fina, the world governing body, is to seek explanation from the German federation after it imposed a six-month ban - a year less than the minimum - on Astrid Strauss, who failed a drugs test in March. Fina may try to increase the ban.

FOR COUPONS PHONEFREE 0800 800 000 - 24HRS said. His last appearance at a

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HOCKEY

Umpire resigns over abuse from players

By Sydney Friskin

RICHARD Ford, a southern counties and England international umpire, has refused to officiate in any more games in the Pizza Express National League because of verbal abuse from players.

Ford, who has been umpir-ing matches in the league since its inception in 1988, said: "I had actually decided at the end of last season that I had taken enough and, as the situation has not improved this season, I have decided to call it a day as far as the league is concerned. "Aggression. abusive lan-

guage and gamesmanship are just some of the things an umpire has to put up with. he "I realise that clubs are

under increasing pressure but I have a feeling that certain players are being goaded into the kind of behaviour which I find intolerable." Ford, who is to make his

feelings known to the league committee, said that he blamed the Hockey Association as well as the league officials for the deterioration in the standard of behaviour. "They should do something more practical than merely

writing to the clubs when complaints are made," he

senior game was on November 15 for the third round cup match between East Grinstead and Southgate, when he twice put an East Grinstead player under temporary suspension. "On the first occasion, I was

about to show him the green

warning card but after I heard what he said I had no choice but to send him off," he said. Ford will continue to umpire at regional level and at all indoor tournaments. He will officiate at the Glenfiddich indoor international tournament at Glasgow in January and at the European indoor dub championship B division

in Brussels in February. He has so far umpired 12 outdoor international matches and 22 indoor.

☐ Two second-half goals enabled Oxford University, who are unbeaten in Peroni League games this season, to share the honours with Ladykillers in the annual match at the North Oxford sports ground yesterday.

Paddy Osborn converted short corners for Ladykillers in the fifth and seventh minutes but Oxford fought back with a penalty stroke from Graham and a goal by Laird, a substitute, following their ninth

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 98, Washington Bullets 89, Charlotte Honnets 127, Philadelphie 76ers 119: Caveland Caraciers 109, Millicaulice Bucks 105; Indicana Pacers 114, Marmi Heat 82: Portland Trad Stazers 95, Sen Antonio Spurs 91, Houston Rockets 88, Los Angeles Chipets 81, Seattle SuperSonics 103, New Jersey Nets 97, Chicago Bulls 101, Golden Stote Warners 92.

BOXING DONCASTER: Commonwealth welter

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FOOTBALL PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Coveriny v Derby (7.0)
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United v Bristol City (7.30); Tottambant v Charlon (2.0). HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division cup: Ashton United v Shepshed Albion

OTHER SPORT SNOCKER: UK championship (Preston)

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REAL TENNIS

4, 6-4; J Snow bt D Johnson 6-0, 6-3, 6-3 RUGBY LEAGUE YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Rochdale Homete 18, Wigan 22.

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cumbria 19, Cheshira C. Cambridge University 19, M R Saele-Bodge's XV 27.

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PMM/S PREMER LEAGUE: First division: Leales Wizzards 2, Lambs Club 2 P Marshell bit B Martin, 9-4, 9-1, 10-8; P Whitlock that to C Waller, 10-8, 9-1, 10-8; P Whitlock that to C Waller, 10-8, 9-1, 9-3, 9-3, 9-1 Wisens lost to S Paries 9-2, 1-9, 4-9, 5-9, A Davies bit P Grapory, 9-6, 4-9, 9-5, 9-3, Rackete Club 0, Campione Caut 4 (D Webb lost to C Different 1-0.

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TENNIS

JOHANNESBURG: ATP men's work doubles championship: Round robin: Fizgerati (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bi Nijsen (Hoti) and C Suk (Ca) 7-6, 6-4: Woodlandge and M Woodlands (Aus) bi

DeMise (US) and D MacPherson (Aus), 6-3, 6-3.
PEMBROKE PINES, Plorida: Men's tour-tearment: Prist round (US unless stated); 7 Witsland to A O'Brien, 6-2, 6-1; Platmer to D Vacok (C2), 6-4, 6-3; R Azar (Arg) at M Singen (Arg), 6-3, 3-8, 7-6; C Sacsens (Ger) bt C Pistolesi (III, 6-2, 6-4, L Lavelle (Mac) bt I Baron, 5-7, 7-6, 7-6; M Sinner (Ger) bt K Brazen (Ger), 7-8, 4-6, 4-6-1; G Stafford (SA) bt G Viles (Arg), 6-4, 6-1; G Stafford (SA) bt G Viles (Arg), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; D Witt M K Götins (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; G J Cuntre-Silva (Por) bt A Straigler (Can), 7-5, 7-6, S Cortes (Chile) bt P Came (IQ, 6-4, 6-4, H de la Pene (Arg) bt D Rook (Cz), 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; T Ho bt G Scheler (Austrie), 7-6, 6-3.

AUCKLAND: Steinlager Cup match-recing series: Reund-robin eliminations: First day; 1; R Dayls (NZ), 7 wins; 2; C Dicteon (NZ), 6 win, 1 loss; equal 3, R Coults (NZ), E Baird (US), 5, 2; 5, P Girmour (Aus), 4, 3

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6.00 Ceafax (50510) 6.30 Breakfast News (98736607)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (3000423) 9.45 Ross King. Game show. The guest is EastEnders across Nicola Stapleton (s) (5430065)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (7329572) 10.05 Playdays. For the unit Values (A) (6) (6822681)

BBC1

10.00 News, regional news and weather (7329572) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (f) (s) (562281)

10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. (s). With News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (42170572)

12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmersh celebrates the revival of the musical Me and My Girl with Gary Wilmot and Jessica Martin, who have appeared in the West End production (s) (9862881) 12.55 Regional News and weather (78992510)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Westher (80688)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42190572) 1.50 Going For Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is the effervescent Henry Kelly (s) (42101688)

2.15 Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Royal Liver Assurance UK champlonship, from the Guild Hall, Preston (640220)

3.50 Puppydog Tales (3177084) 3.55 Noddy (s) (1290607) 4.05 Star Pets, Peter Simon continues his quest for the Star Pet of 1992 (s) (9867881) 4.15 Get Your Own Back. Stapstick game show (s) (1557686) 4.30 Kevin & Co. Episode three of the six-part comedy drama. (Ceefax) (s) (8299065)

drama. (Ceefex) (s) (8299065)

4.55 Newsround (6597064) 5.05 Blue Peter. includes the latest news of the Blue Peter! Care appeal. (Ceefex) (s) (8683997)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefex) (s) (943220). Northern tretand: inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe, (Ceefax)

Weather (959)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (539). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Franklin (s) (4355)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (423)

8.00 Living Dangerously: The Warthog and the Teabag.

CHOICE: A somewhat shaggy story from Kenya manages to make an unlikely link between a less than handsome arrival and the make an unlikely link between a less then handsome animal and the Western world's cuppe. Cleverly filmed by the German biologist Reinhard Radica, a fernale warthog avoids becoming a fion's diriner in the Aberdares national park and seeks refuge in the private garden of a tea and coffee planter. This is the signal for Richard Briers's jolly commentary to change tack. A conventional wildlife celebration turns into an eco-lecture about the dangers of cropspraying and cutting down even more forest so that we can continue to enjoy our intake of caffeine. The point is well made, especially as the murdered trees could carry a cure for cancer or even Aids. Equally, however, the developing world needs money

eaperatory as the intercered trees could carry a cure for cancer or even Aids. Equally, however, the developing world needs money and coffee is its third largest export. (Ceefax) (s) (5125)

8.30 Sitting Pretty. New comedy series by John Sullivan of Only Fools and Horses starring Diane Bull as a new rich East Ender lauding it over her less fortunate family. (Ceefax) (s) (2510)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (MAA)

9.30 Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff with another selection of comedy sketches. (Ceefax) (s) (40997)

10.00 One Foot in the Grave. Murder and mystery quickly follow one another when Victor digs out his ventriloquist's dummy. Starring Richard Wilson, Annette Crosbie and, this week, veteran comedian. Jimmy Jewel (r). (Ceefex) (19539). Northern Ireland: Spotlight



Bringing the politicians to book: Tim Waterstone (10.30pm)

10.30 Question Time presented by Peter Sissons in Norwich. The guests are employment secretary Gillian Shephard; shedow home affairs minister Joan Ruddock; Lorna Fitzsimons, president of the Union of Students; and Tim Waterstone, chief executive of the books chain (27733). Northern Ireland: One Foot in the Grave 11,00

Question Time

11.30 Snooker. The closing frames of the last quarter-finals of the UK championship (548539). Northern Ireland: 12.00 Law and Order 12.45-1.35 Snooker 12.20am Weather (2327263)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (4190249) 8.15 Westminster. A round up of business from both Houses (8444404)

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9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) (52454317) 2.15
Advice Shop. Topical weitere rights magazine presented by Helen
Madden and Andrew Miller (3611591)
3.00 News and weather (9986862) followed by Westminster Live
introduced by Iam Macwhitter and John Cole. Includes prime
minister's questions (7470355) 3.50 News, regional news and
weather (1299678)
4.00 Shonker Outstarsfinal action from the Roual Liver Assurance Like

4.00 Snooker. Quarter-final action from the Royal Liver Assurance UK

championship. Introduced by David Vine (1862) 5.00 From the Edge. Bi-monthly magazine series from the BBC's Disability Programmes Unit featuring news of the arts, politics and

Current affairs from disabled reporters (2133)
5.30 Food and Drink. A repeat of Tuesday's programme, which included a recipe for Irish stew and Michael Barry preparing spiced ice cream (s) (688)

6.00 Film: The Flame and the Arrow (1950) starring Burt Lancaster, Virginia Mayo and Robert Douglas. Stylish swashbuckler set in medieval Lombardy about the leader of a group of mountain militia doing battle against a despotic ruler, Directed by Jacques Tourneur (59881). Wales: Inside English 6.15 Italianissimo 6.30 Mosaic 7.00 Artivos Shoo.

Advice shop
7.30 First Sight. South east current affaire series. Northern Ireland: The
European. Challenge; Wales: Dad's Army; Midlands; Midland
Report, North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South;
Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up West (715)



is Spain on the right track? Julia Sevillano reports (8.00pm)

8.00 The Essential History of Europe. The third in a series of 12 films about the member states of the EC looks at how Spain has changed since Franco through the eyes of young journalist Julia Sevillano (s)

Top Geer. Includes road tests on two powerful four-wheel drive saloons — Ford's new Escort Cosworth and the Vauxhall Calibra turbo. Plus a behind-the-scenes report on the Lombard RAC raily (s)

9.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Manic comedy written by and starring Jennifer Saunders set in London's fashion PR world. This week Edina (Saunders) and her friend Patsy (Joanna Lumley) invade

Provence. (Ceefact) (7046)

9.30 We Have Ways of Maiding You Think: The Power of Scap.

© CHOICE: Laurence Rees concludes his superb series on media manipulation by looking at the political impact of popular television. President Ceausescu of Romania misread the mood of the people when he banned much-liked Western imports such as The Onedin when he barned much-liked Western imports such as The Onecan Line and Dallas and filled the screen with turgid propaganda. Romanians responded by putting up illegal serials to receive programmes from Bulgaria, one of the first acts of defiance against the regime. In India Rajiv Gandhi came to regret his decision to allow the screening of a 78-part soap, Ramayan. It drew audiences of 650 million and its stars were recruited by the main opposition party. In Peru a Terry Wogan figure with no political experience used his television force to henome more of Lines. More who when figure his television fame to become mayor of Lima. Many who voted for him now wish he'd stayed with the box. (282881).

10.20 10 x 10: Touching Humanity. A documentary look at the art of

grante sculpting (r) (487201)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Pearnan (497171)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (174978)

11.55 Later with Jools Holland. Music series. Tonight's guests include New York new wave rock group Television, John Cale of the Velvet

Underground and the Irish singer with the lived-in voice, Mary Coughlan (690626)

12.30am Behind the Headlines. Jeffrey Archer and Labour MP Tony

Banks debate press freedom and the future of English Heritage (21737) 1.00 Weather (8546263). Ends at 1.10 3.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (73621). Ends at 4.00

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6-00 TV-ern (1391828) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz game hosted by Airstair Dwall (4643862) 9.55 Thames News (5608201) 10.00 The Time...The Place... Topical discussion programme

(4635571) 10.35 This Morning, Magazine series (90093171)
12.10 The Riddlers The first of a new series of children's pupper adventures (2814959)

12.30 FTN Lunchtime News with Sonia Rusele: and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle) Weather (3685510) 1.05 Thames News (5814/)423) 1.15 Home and Away. Australian lamily charta senal. (Oracle) (177249)
1.45 A Country Practice Medical drama senal set in the Australian outback (169220)

2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes. Barry Took delves into the archives (151201) 2.45 Take the High Road (6822648; 3.10 ITN News headlines (9904266) 3.15 Thames News headlines (9903539) 3.20 GP. Medical drama set in a suburban Australian

surgery (3280978) 3.50 The Rettles (r) (3162152) 3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone.
Animation (s) (1378607) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club presented by
Rolf Harns (4149775) 4.45 Bad Influence! Computer games series

5.10 Blockbusters General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (8677336)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (121171)

5.55 Thames Help (1) (835930)

6.00 Home and Away (1). (Oracle) (355)

6.30 Thames News (607)

7.00 Emmerdale. Drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)

7.30 Jimmy's. Real-tife dramas concerning the patients and staff of St James's Hospital, Leeds (s) (591)



Exposing a squatting scam: Christopher Ellison (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Into the Mire. After a hoard of stolen goods is found in a flat on the notonous Tankeray estate the suspect tries to do a deal

10.30 Thames News (872369)
10.40 C1. The featured film this week is Of Mice and Men. There is also a preview of the stage revival of Noël Coward's Hay Fever (s) (742133)

village, led by a 400-year-old vampire. Directed by Lance Comfort (780602) 2.40 The Twilight Zone: The Cold Equations. A tale of the supernatural (r) (4643447)

with DI Burnside (Christopher Bluson), offering him information about a squatting scam on the estate. (Cracle) (8171)

8.30 This Week: Vendetta on Bergerac's Island. An investigation into claims of compition and blackmail within the Jersey police force

Chairs of compach and blackman within the Jersey poince force (Oracle) (4978)
 9.00 Rumpole of the Belley. When Horace and Hikda are invited to spend a stately weekend at a distant cousin's country seat, Horace discovers the invitation was not entirely motivated by the desire to see tham but to help urravel the mystery death of a bag lady found in the estate's take. (Oracle) (s) (1133)
 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Oracle) Weather (69797)

soner: Cell Block H (922442)

12.10am Affred Hitchcock Presents: Deathmate and if Looks Could Kill. Two tales with a twist at the enging (7317350)

1.05 Film: Devils of Darkness (1964) starring Witiam Sylvester. Chiller about a writer who discovers a satanic cult thriving in a small French

3.00 Kojak. The New York detective's investigations into the murder of a hoodlurn leads to a teenager being the prime suspect. Starring Telly Savalas (f) (77447)

4.00 Motorsport Special, Racing from Donington (22176)

4.30 America's Top Ten (f) (s) (23244) 5.00 Videofashion (f) (4

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (48992). Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Moon (1970): Tragi-comedy (25775) 9.00 Filofax (1990): Jerries Behish as-sumes the identity of Cherles Groof (18978) 11.00 This Gun for Hire (1991): Assassin

Robert Wagner goes on the run (523171) 12.35em True Colons (1990) John Cusack

12.3sem From Colonis (1999) John Calack and James Spader are fivas (240008) 2.30 if the Shoe Fits (1990). Retelling of the Cardenses story (773599) 4.95 Britannia: Hospital. (1982); Black comedy (350892) Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Certoons (21510) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38369)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (14084)
9.30 Schools (568189) 12.00 The Partiament Programme (94220)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is Tyne Daily (29881) 1.30 Take 5. Children's enternamment (45442)

CHANNEL 4

2.00 Film: The House on 92nd Street (1946, b/w).

CHOICE. Henry Hathaway's spy timiler is based on the true story of an FBI agent who intilitated Nazi espionage to discover who had been leaking American arom bomb secrets to the Germans. The film was produced by Louis de Rochemont and follows the urgent, naturalistic style of his famous March of Time newsreets, even down to the booming commentary. The use of real locations gave a quasi-documentary feel which was enhanced by the cesting of many of the parts with non-professional actors, including FBI personnel. This impatus towards realism became very influential in the post-war American cinema, reaching its apoges with the The Naked City William Eythe, a name not much remembered these days, plays the secret agent with the Swedish actress, Signe Hasso, as the leader of the growthin (650607).

of the spring (650607)
3.35 Film: Paleface (1921, b/w). A Buster Keaton short (2785626)
4.00 Family Pride. Soap about a Midlands-based Asian family (s) (220) 4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (404) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are lathers and sons who

have had or are having conflicts (s) (8523133) 5.55 The Magic Roundabout (r) (833572) 6.00 The Word — Access All Areas (s) (997) 6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer games (249) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Fions Murch (Teletext) Weather (572133) 7.50 Comment (724930)



Bird of a feather: Winston puts on his glad rags (8.00pm)

8.00 The Black Bag: The Gender Bender. A film celebrating masculine feminanty (6713)

8.30 Rising Damp. Rigsby and his permanent tenants come under the

spell of a new arrival who claims he is a mystic (r) (Teletext) (5220)

Critical Eye: Algeria — Women at War.

CHOICE. The eight-year struggle for independence from France put Algerian woman for the first time at the centre of their country's history. Before the war they were excluded from political life and could not vote. During the conflict they became urban guerillas, fought in the countryside and took part in crul resistance. Some were arrested and tortured. But when independence was won they were expected to return to their passive, domestic roles. The film uses interviews to plot the achievements and disappointments of Algenan women over the past 40 years. In 1988 hopes were raised when one-party rule gave way to multi-party democracy. At the same time a resurgence of Muslim fundamentalism seemed to put the women's cause back. It is a cogent film with more resonances than might be expected for a British audience (9775)

10.00 The Big Battallions. Episode two of the five-part drama about faith and fanatcism. (Teleter) (s) (2862)

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11.00 Chelmsford 123. Comedy series (r) (s) (180539)
11.35 The Spirit of Freedom: Days of Contempt. French writer Bernard-Henri Levy examines how intellectuals dealt with the challenge of fascism during the occupation of France. (in French with English subtitles (253959)
12.35am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's programme about Mark Thatcher's alleged arms dealing in the Middle East (3622331)
1.20 Film: Paradise Carryon (1935, b/w) staming John Wayne as a government agent infiltrating a gang of counterfeiters. Directed by Carl Pierson (2957843). Ends at 2.20

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 Wis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00am Snowcase (7061959) 19.00 Misser Johnson (1991): Drama about a black man in 1923 Africa (26594201) 11.55 Lady Caroline Lamb (1973): Sarah Miles as Byron's mistress (47741133) 2.00pm Heroes (1977) Henry Winkler escapes from a mental instaution (27084) escapes from a mental instantion (27084)
4,00 The Best Marx (1964); Henry Fonda sters as a presidental candidate (8572)
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PADIO 2

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News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
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S.59 Weather 6.00 World and British News 8.14 Travel News 6.15 The World Today 6.30
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CLASSIC FM

Susannah Smorts 2.00pm Lunchime Concertor. Revel (Plano Concertor. Revulation. Reports: Margaret Howards. Junder Gererd Schwerz. Includes Heydri (Symphony No. 103, Drum Roll), Schumann (Konzertstück for four home) 10.00 Adnan Love 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth

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6.15am S.P.Y.S. (1974): Spool (565959)
8.15 The Little Nurines (1990): Three
terragers go camping (676775)
10.15 The Fighting Seabless (1944) War
drame staming John Wayne (72570978)
12.00 Now and Forever (1956): A lonely
schoolgif fals in tore (425713)
1.45pm Cry, the Beloved Country (1951):
A man searches for his son (71988133)
3.50 Doll and Keeto (2240249) and 4.55
Dot sent the Whale (77662959): Animation
7.00 Tell Me That You Love Me, Junia
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RADIO 3

7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents music, news and arts stories. Including Bach, transcr Stravinsky (Choral Variations on Von Himmel Hoch); Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E); Haydn (Divertimento in C, H IV 1, London Trio); Nielsen (Springtime on Funen)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Purcel — The Theatre Music. Suffe, The Virtuous Wife; No resistance is but vain, The Meid's Last Prayer; First Musick; Secene of the Drunken Poet, The Fairy Queen
10.00 Morning Sequence: DvoMk 7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents

The Fairy Queen

10.00 Moming Sequence: Dvořák
(Cverture, Carnival: Czech PO
under Vactav Neumann);
Antonin Tucapsky (Music for
brass quintet: English Brass
Ensemble); Chopin (Mazunkas:
in A minor, Op 17 No 4; in C,
Op 24 No 2; in B flat minor,
Op 30 No 3: Caroline Palmer,
piano); William Maltivee
(Soundings: English Brass
Ensemble); Dvořák (Sonatina
in G, Op 100: Ruth Waterman,
volin, Anthony Goldstone,

violin, Anthony Goldstone, piano); Edward Gregson

pagno); cowaro caregisori (Brass Quintet No 1: English Brass Ensamble); Mozart (Symphony No 25 in G minor, K183: ECO under Benjamin Dutton! Britten)

Besthovan Plano Trics, performed by Peter Franki, pano, György Pauk, violin. Raiph Kirshbaum, cello, (i)

1.00pm News 1.05 Mozart: Chamber Orchestra of 5 Mozart: Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Nikoleus Hamoncourt performs Symphony No 39 in E flat, K 543; Symphony No 40 in G minor, K550. 2-15 The events in Mozart's lite when he wrote these three pieces. 2-20 Symphony No 41 in C, K551.

nerson Quertet performs Beethoven (Quartet in E minor,

Op 59 No 2) (r)

3.45 King David: BBC Singers;
New London Orchestra under Ronald Corp perform Arthur Honegger's biblical oratorio. rionegger's capital capital.
With Margaret Feat/our,
soprano, Sidonie Winter, alto,
Andrew Murgatroyd, tenor,
Clare Welch and Gabriel

5.00 in Tune: Michael Berkeley 5.50 in rune: Micrael Bendelly presents an edition on the Hoddersfield Contemporary Music Festival 7.30 Tender is the North: Live Front the Complement Live Front The Compleme

7.30 Tender is the North: Live from the Symphony Hell, Birmingham, the last of three concerts featuring the symphonies of the Danish composer Carl Nielsen. City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Strom Rattle performs Nielsen (Symphony No 6, Sinfonta semplice); Mahler (Rückert-fieder: Olaf Bär, baritone), 8.25 Richard Restall considers Nielsen's fifth and sidth symphonies in the context of his later perfod. 8.45 Nielsen (Symphony No 5) 9.30 Words, with the historian Conrad Rusself 9.35 Kathron Sturrock: The pianist plays Bach (Partita No 1 in B lat, BWV 825); Ian Parrott (Aspects).

iter BW 825); lan Parrott (Aspects).

10.15 Mysteries of the Hammond: Ben Watson considers the work of Jimmy Smith and Jimmy McGriff (f).

10.45 Night Waves: Willem Goldman, whose screenplays include All the President's Manand Misery, tellis about Hollywood in the 1890s.

11.30 Tehalitovelky and Rachsmanhov: Dmirl Hydrostovsky, balfone, Oleg

Rachasanihov: Dmitri
Hvorostovsky, baritone, Oleg
Boshnyakovich, piano, perform
Tchalicovsky (A tear trembles,
Op 6 No 4; No; only he who
has known, Op 6 No 6; The
fearful minute, Op 28 No 6;
Reconciliation, Op 25 No 1;
The Nightingale, Op 60 No 4; I
opened the window, Op 63 No
2; Exploit, Op 60 No 11; Again,
as before, alone, Op 73 No 6;
Don Juan's Seranade, Op 38
No 1); Rechimeninov (The
Dream, Op 8 No 5; She is as
fovely as the noon, Op 14 No
8; Oh no, I beg you, forsake 9; Oh no. I beg you, forsalie me not, Op 4 No 1; Sing not to me, beautiful maiden. Op 4 No 4: When yesterday we met, Op 26 No 13: Christ is risen. Op 26 No 6: in the stience of the

secret right, Op 4 No 3; He secret right, Op 4 No 3; He took all from me, Op 26 No 2; Fragment from Musset, Op 21 No 6) (r) 1.00-2.00 Night School (e.cspt in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

5.55am Strioping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day, 8.40 Yesterday in
Partisment 8.38 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Magnet Manne

9.45 An Englishman in the Midt Down the High Street, John P. Harris talks about life in Languedoc (s) 10.00-10.38 Little Women (FM

12.25pm Out of Order, Patrick

stars as D, a man obsessed by the medleval scholar and coat Petrarch and his love for a woman called Laura (s)

commission for Hereford Cathedral; and visits the newly opened Theatre Royal in Norwich (s)

RADIO 4

9.00 News 9.05 The Morel Maze chaired by Michael Buerk (s)

10.00-10.30 Little Women (FM only): The first of a stx-part dramatisation of Louisa May Alcott's story about four sisters growing up in New England during the American civil war. With Geyle Humicutt and Jemma Redgrave (s)

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only): John Milton's poem (17/41)

10.30 Women's Hour. Jenni Murray

John Mitton's poem (1794)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray
talks to the Swedish soprano
Elisabeth Söderström, Incl
11.00 News
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 You and Yours, with John

12.25pm Out of Order, Patrick
Harnan chairs the lighthearted political outz. Team
captains Austin Mitchell, MP,
and Michael White are joined
by MPs Edwina Cunie and
Jerry Hayes (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Fragments in a
Vulgar Tongue, by David
Zane Malrowitz, Struen Rodger
stars as D, a man obsessed

3.00-4.00 Bus Stop (FM only) 3.00 Prime Minister's Question 3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW-only) 4.00 Nows 4.05 Kaleldoscope reviews the English Shakespeare Company's production of The Tempost; watches a silversmith at work on a

Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

4.45 Short Story; Blame it On the Flightes, by Anne Leaton. Read by Liza Ross 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 The Young Postmen, by Ben
Miler. Brian, Derek and Sue
join the French Foreign Legion
by printing large.

ion the French Foreign Legion by mistake (s)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (f)

7.20 The Queen, the Bishop and the Barble Doll

CHOICE: Life, said Dr
Johnson, is too short for chess. Naturally, the sentiment is not echoed by anyone taking part in the weekend tournament on which producer Liz Jensen's microphones tacifully eavesdrop. However, the philosophical content of this entertaining programme is quite high, and only occasionally enigmatic. Even non-chess players can make sense of comments such as "The easlest way to evoid losing is not an incurional."

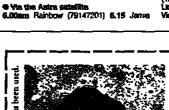
sense or comments such as
"The assiest way to evoid
losing is not to play" and
"Chess ability is nontransferable to enrything else".
But doesn't the epigrammatic
"Bad chess is good for you:
good chess is bad for you!
need chapter and verse?
8.00 Analysis: A Place Apart.
Branda O'Leary assesses
whether there can ever be a branca O Leary essesses whether there can ever be a constitutional settlement in Northern Ireland, which satisfies the aspirations of both the Catholic and Protestant

communities 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison. For disabled

Ted Harrison. For disabled listeners
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Run of the Country, Written and read by Snane Cornaughton (9/10)
11.00 Paul Temple and the Spencer Affair: A Surprise for Pete Roberts, Fifth of an eight-part serial by Francis Durbridge, With Peter Coke and Marjorie Westbury (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 News, Incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43

Clare Weigh and Gebriel
Woolf, narrators
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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25 1992

Football League is ready to set a precedent by electing as president someone not connected with a club

McKeag sure to retain League post

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE Football League is expected to elect its first independent president next Monday. Gordon McKeag, who has held the post since January. was elected while a director of Newcastle United. But he is standing for re-election, hav-ing broken all his links with the first division dub.

Even though McKeag's re-election would represent a radical departure from tradition, League officers are confident that he will be re

His present powers and functions will remain unaltered and he will be far more than just a figurehead. His unsalaried appointment will last at least until the League's next annual meeting in the summer, when he is likely to stand again.

Monday's extraordinary

meeting at at Walsall will also elect a newcomer to the League's board of directors, increasing its size from six to seven. He will represent the North-east regional group --Barnsley, Bradford City, Darlington, Doncaster Rovers, Hardepool United, Hudders-Town, Huli City, Newcastle, Rotherham, Scarborough, Sunderland, and

McKeag, 64, a solicitor, is a former chairman of Newcastle. He lost out in a prolonged, and acrimonious, power struggle with Sir John Hall, the present chairman. who is on record as saying he would stand for the vacancy created by McKeag's independent role -- which might bring bring a touch of soap opera to Football League politics. Their



Strictly horizontal: Zeyer, left, of Kaiserslautern, and Jonk, of Ajax, fly through the air with reckless abandon in determined pursuit of the ball in the Uefa Cup match in Amsterdam which the home side won 2-0 with Jonk scoring the second goal in the 87th minute

hostile relationship was highlighted in October when Newcastle refused to provide McKeag with a ticket for the derby game against Sunder-land at Roker Park. McKeag finally watched the game after receiving a ticket from

Support for McKeag is so strong among League clubs that, in the unlikely event of him not being elected independent chairman, at least one first division club is pre-

pared to cirumvent the problem by making him a director. John Barnes has been guaranteed a place in Liverpool's starting line-up at home to Crystal Palace on Saturday after his match-winning return as a substitute two days

Barnes, who replaced Ian Rush after only 17 minutes against Queens Park Rangers and set up Ronny Rosenthal's late winner, will make his first full appearance since the Achilles tendon injury that

By Louise Taylor

ANDREAS Moller and Dino

Baggio scored in each half to

earn Juventus a virtual pas-

ter-finals with a 2-1 win over

Sigma Olomouc in Czechoslo-

vakia yesterday. The German

international midfield player struck on 23 minutes and

Baggio, a defender, doubled the score in the 76th minute of

Jan Marosi pulled one back

for the Czechs in the last

minute, but Juventus, who are

second in the Italian league,

are unlikely to be beaten in the

return leg in a fortnight's time

TEST cricket under flood-

lights was an "absolutely cer-

tain" development, Sir Colin Cowdrey, the International Cricket Council (ICC) chair-

man, forecast here yesterday.

questions at a press conference about the popularity of the

one-day game as opposed to dwindling attendances at five-

Clive Lloyd, the former West

Indies captain and ICC refer-

ee at the second Test here

between South Africa and

India, which starts today, agreed with Sir Colin's view.

Test crowds were becoming

smaller and smaller. "I do not

see why cricket cannot change

in the direction of floodlit Tests," he said. Lloyd said

early evening dew might be a problem for England but pos-

sibly a four o'clock start would

All the ICC member boards

around the world were addressing themselves to the

Lloyd pointed out that even in India and Pakistan, and

day Tests.

Sir Colin was answering

the third round, first leg tie.

ruled him out of the European Championships last summer. The Liverpool manager, Graeme Souness, said yesterday: "It's only games which will get John fit again, so he will start against Palace."

However, good news involving Barnes has been tempered by the loss of Rush. The Welsh international forward looks certain to be rested after a recurring groin injury and could miss not only Saturday's game with Palace but also next Tuesday's Coca-Cola Cup

sured of a berth in the next

round. The Italians were not

even at full-strength. Roberto

Baggio and David Platt, the

England international, were

absence made little difference.

players were yesterday reflect-

ing on their good fortune that the Football League has ruled that sendings off and book-ings incurred in the Anglo-

Italian Cup would not lead to

matches in the international

stage resulted in a flurry or red

and yellow cards, crowned by

a brawl at Newcastle United

Floodlit Tests are on the way

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN JOHANNESBURG

public's preference for one-day

cricket. Sir Colin continued.

He did not wish, however, to pre-empt forthcoming ICC discussions on the issue. "Per-

haps the answer lies in some

kind of a combined package,"

he said. "We have to preserve five-day cricket. Not to do so

He said Test matches had

an enormous following

through newspapers and other media. The first-class game

would be a disaster."

as they lost 1-0 to Ascoli.

Tuesday night's round of

domestic suspensions.

A number of clubs and

tie which is against the same Bruce Grobbelaar, the Liverpool goalkeeper, is to

have a minor elbow operation today, ending all speculation about a possible £500,000 transfer to Oldham Athletic. Oldham are thought to be

ready to take the out-of-favour Chelsea goalkeeper, Dave Beasant, on loan while they search for a full-time replacement for John Hallworth, who has been ruled out for the rest

Newcastle manager,

helped police placate feuding

players, said: "You keep think-

ing you have seen it all in

something like this. In the

back of your mind, you know

that when it is the Italian

temperament against the

English temperament some-

thing is going to happen."

Trouble flared after David

Kelly, the United forward, was

dismissed seven minutes from

time. Keegan said: "I have

never seen anything like it in

my life. I was trying to get hold

of their coach to stop him

going back in a casket to Italy. I don't know what was wrong

in general had to be regarded

as the version of the game

which made other forms via-

ble. "This whole problem.

though, exercises us all

The enormous success of

one-day cricket everywhere

was bringing more and more interest and many more coun-

tries into cricket each year. The

five-day game might not have

the same pace but "to chip

away at it in any way would be

no longer afford to charge exorbitant prices. Ticket costs had to be reduced and he praised South Africa for lead-ing the way by bringing down

today. He hoped others would

Lloyd said Test cricket could

Keegan, the

who

completely."

Juventus overcome absence of Platt

injury. The Cehic manager, Liam Brady, has been ordered to make a personal appearance before the Scottish Football Association next month. Brady, with the Airdrie coaches, John Binnie and John McVeigh, must explain a dug-out incident during the

league match between the dubs last month. Police intervened during an argument between the two

benches after Celtic scored their second goal in a 2-0 win

At Upton Park, Trevor Mor-

ley, the West Ham United

forward, was sent off for head-

but his side still won 2-0,

thanks to two goals from Clive

Allen. A Cremonese player

was sent off at Traumere

Rovers where Rovers lost 2-1.

The organising committee of the Anglo-Italian Cup was

meeting in Pisa last night to review the situation.

There was also trouble in the FA Cup at Port Vale where

Vale beat Stoke City 3-1 in a first round replay. Stoke supporters responded by causing £5,000 worth of damage.

Police enquire into incident with Flashman

By Our Sports Staff

NO SOONER had Stan Flashman, the larger-than-life chairman of Barnet FC. walked away from one trouble spot than he strode straight into another. After receiving a £50,000 fine from the Football League on Monday, police yesterday launched an enquiry into an alleged assault by Flashman on a freelance

photographer.
As Flashman left the League disciplinary hearing that inposed the fine for financial irregularities, he was involved in an incident with Paul Welford, representing The Sun newspaper. It was confirmed yesterday that Welford has made a statement to

police.
Welford is also preparing to report Flashman to the Football Association and an FA spokesman said yesterday: "Any complaint of that nature would be taken very seriously, with a full investigation." The FA, however, would probably wait to see what action, if any, was taken by police.

Barnet are not alone in running into trouble off the field. It was confirmed yesterday that detectives in Dorset

cial irregularities at the struggling non-league club, Weymouth.
The club's chairman, Paul Cocks, admitted police were looking into the financial deal-

ings of the Beazer Homes League side and added: "Action could be taken within the next few days. The enquiry is a deep and complicated one."

Cash-flow problems have led the GM Vauchall Conference club, Farnborough, to consider a merger with their Hampshire neighbours, Aldershot Town. Farnborough.

who took West Ham United to a reply in the FA Cup last year. are in deep financial trouble with debts of £50,000 and crowds of less than 500 this The Famborough manage

er, Ted Pearce, yesterday said he has not ruled out a merger with Aldershot, who have been drawing crowds of more than 2,000 to the Recreation Ground after an impressive start to the season in the Diadora League third division. Aldershot Town 1992 FC was set up by suppporters

Salako has to contend with new injury worry

JOHN Salako, of Crystal Pal-ace, is to see the American surgeon who saved his career as fears grow that he may face another long lay-off with knee trouble. The winger, who returned this season after ten months on the sidelines with knee ligament damage, will travel back to the United

Salako jarred the same knee in training with England be-fore the 4-0 World Cup defeat of Turkey. The injury ruled him out of Palace's Premier League game with Nottingham Forest last Saturday.

The decision to return to the

States was taken after a visit to a specialist this week. Bobby Gould and his backroom staff are working without contracts to help Cov-

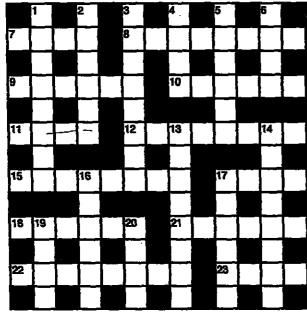
entry City through their finan-

nounced yesterday that it made a £1.4 million trading loss in the year ended last May and it owes the bank £2.2 million in loans and overdraft. Terry Butcher, a previous manager who was dismissed

last January, has taken out a High Court writ for the reestimated £500,000. Mick Mills and Brian Eastick, Butcher's coaches who also sued the club after being dismissed. have settled out of court.

The Luton Town managing director, David Kohler, is thinking of co-opting a supporter on to the dub's board. He made the offer to the Luton Action Committee, which has been organising a campaign to force him to

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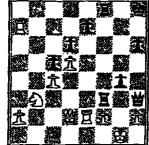
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WINNING MOVE

By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Kovalevski - Gagarin, Russia 1992. White, being a piece up, may have entertained hopes of winning the game. If so, Gagarin's next move would have brought him down to earth. What was

Solution on page 36



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By PHILIP HOWARD c. The original ancestor

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ATELIER a. A potter b. The Canadian spruce

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b. Working-class men ers on page 36

be a compromise.

JOHN Parrott confirmed that

with a succession of substantial breaks to carry a 6-2 lead

Cowdrey: traditionalist

take similar action shortly.

Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, also commended the Transvaal Cricket Board for making 40 per cent reductions in the original ticket prices.

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Operation for Desert Orchid

DESERT Orchid, one of the most popular racehorses of the modern era, was last night fighting for his life following an operation for a severe bout of colic at Newmarket.

The grey, who retains his celebrity status despite being retired from racing last sea-son, was reported by his owner, Richard Burridge, to be "not at all well."

Burridge said: "He was taken to Newmarket by my father's vet yesterday with a bad case of colic. It got worse, and they discovered that he had a twisted gut.

"He was operated on this morning and they removed part of the lower intestine. He's not at all well, but so far so good. We'll know more in two or three days, but the signs are encouraging.

"He's in the best possible hands, and we're praying for the best. This operation can be successful, and obviously he's

Parrott's accuracy keeps Swail in his chair

By Phil Yates

he is the man to beat at the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship with an impressive display in the opening session of his quarter-final against Joe

Swall in Preston yesterday. Parrott, playing with the self-assurance one would expect from the winner of two tournaments already this season, contained Swail with tight safety and outscored him into today's deciding session. A break of 51 gave Swail, the world No. 53 from Belfast, the opening frame before Parrott, the defending UK champion. dominated with runs of 62, 47, 35, 34, 66 and 103, which at five minutes 15 seconds gave him the lead in the race

break prize.

Swall totalled only 34 points in this period. He comfortably won the seventh frame but Parrott re-established a four-frame cushion by closing the session with a

for the event's fastest-century

Parrott requires three of the remaining nine frames on the resumption to secure his progress into the semi-finals. Jimmy White, who in common with Parrott is playing

close to the peak of his ability, was also in a healthy position against James Wattana, of Thailand. White again showed how much victory in last month's Rothmans Grand Prix had

restored his confidence by winning five frames from behind to construct a 6-2 interval advantage.
A clearance of 31 to pink gave White the first frame. A spectacular double on the blue secured the second and a late 57, after Wattana had missed a straightforward red when 43-16 ahead in the sixth, made it 5-1. Wattana, who has won ten of his previous 15 meetings

with White, compiled a break of 110 in the fifth frame and a 70 in the seventh but when White stole the last of the afternoon on the pink, the Thai was facing an uphill

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